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# U.N.O. IGNORES SOVIET ATTACK ON U.S.

## Civil Lord Of Admiralty Flies To H.K.

London, Sept. 19.  
The Civil Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. J. (Stoker) Edwards, left for Hong Kong today aboard a BOAC flying boat.

The purpose of his visit was not disclosed officially but it is understood, however, that it may be in connection with the reported British Government intention to reduce the Far Eastern naval strength and the possible relinquishment of Hong Kong as a naval base.—United Press.

## Moslems Hurl Woman From Train

Karachi, Sept. 19.  
A woman passenger today slapped the face of a Moslem who entered her compartment and started seizing jewellery as the train on which she was riding travelled between Shiparpursind and Jacobabad.

The Moslem and his three cronies promptly threw her off the moving train.

Two other passengers were also thrown off. Their fate is not known.

Between Amritsar and Shindpur a railway traffic inspector was shot to death by a man dressed in naval uniform.

Fifty swords were discovered at the residence of a Pakistan official, who told the police he knew nothing of how they got there.

In another house nearby the police found 100 shotgun shells and continued their search for hidden weapons.

Meanwhile, in New Delhi, the Indian Government, replying to a statement by Sir Abdullah Zafarullah Khan, the Pakistan delegate to the United Nations, that a formal complaint might be lodged with the United Nations unless the Indian Government took steps to end the slaughter of Moslems, today expressed readiness to leave the verdict on the Pakistan allegations to any impartial authority.

The All India Government statement denied the allegations by Sir Abdullah Zafarullah Khan that the Indian Government failed to discharge its responsibilities.

"The Government of India have never incited or countenanced any form of violence, by one community against another," the note said.—United Press and Reuter.

# CHINA LINES UP WITH KREMLIN

New York, Sept. 19.  
Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, China's Foreign Minister, disclosed today that China will line up with Russia in refusing the United States' invitation to an immediate 11-nation Japanese peace conference.

Dr. Wang, in an exclusive interview, said China must turn down the American plan for the same reason that Russia had rejected it—because the Big Four veto power is not included.

"China, having fought long and bitterly with Japan, could not go into a peace conference without some safeguard that her interests would be protected," said Dr. Wang.

Compromise  
However, Dr. Wang said his Government will attempt to compromise between the Russian and United States positions by asking that the problem of the Japanese peace treaty be referred to the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission.

Russia flatly rejected the American plan with the observation that only a four-power conference of Russia, Britain, China and the United States could properly deal with the Japanese peace.

The American plan was to call a 11-nation conference to draft a preliminary treaty.

Matters at the conference were to be decided by majority vote.

## "Vishinsky To Get Silent Treatment"

Flushing (N.Y.), Sept. 19.  
Soviet Russia's demand that the United States be branded guilty of "war mongering" and that the American Press be denied freedom to criticize Russia "on pain of criminal punishment" headed today for overwhelming United Nations rejection.

Immediate interpretation of the proposal by the Western Powers was that the Soviet would impose on them the same kind of controlled press and restraints on the freedom of speech existing within the Soviet Union.

"It would be completely contradictory of our concept of free press and free speech," one United States official said.

Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky himself could hardly have hoped for support from more than five United Nations members within the Soviet sphere for the resolution.

Implications  
Firstly, it would publicly condemn the United States—to whom a large number of United Nations members are looking for economic aid and loans—as a swashbuckling atomic age "war-monger" spilling for and fomenting a third world war against the Soviet Union.

Secondly, it would accuse the United States, Greece and Turkey—the only three nations cited specifically in the resolution—as gross violators of the United Nations for tolerating and supporting "war-mongering" propaganda against the Soviet Union.

Thirdly, it would call upon the United States to destroy its atomic bombs at once—before international control of atomic energy is established—and insist upon universal disarmament.

The general reaction to M. Vishinsky's slashing attack was that he overplayed his hand in a shocking manner.

Some believed he may have deceived some of the support he might have counted on to fight U.S. Secretary of State Marshall's proposal to revamp the United Nations and, as Russia charges, abolish the Security Council and its veto for the Big Powers.

Caution  
Many of the European nations were cautious to the extent of being visibly cool to General Marshall's proposal, notably Britain.

But M. Vishinsky's immediate denunciation of the United States as "preparing both secret and openly for a new war" may cost him some possible United Nations support.

The Soviet delegate's speech eliminated whatever doubts there may have been in some quarters

## They'll Figure In U.N.O. Crisis



### Behind The Scenes

Here are men who will play a big part in the present U.N.O. dispute (above) British Foreign Minister Bevin with French Ambassador Massigli (below) Russia's Gromyko with U.S.S.R. Military attaches.

## U.S. Doubts Of Sterling Values

London, Sept. 19.  
Government sources said today that Britain has no intention of reducing the value of the pound within the foreseeable future but informed Americans here remained unconvinced.

The authorities are seeking to spike persistent rumours in British financial quarters that the Government intended to reduce the pound below \$4.30 to make British products cheaper in the world market.

Treasury sources said these advantages would be more than offset by the increased prices which Britain would have to pay for imports.

American financial circles here said circumstances are beyond Government control and ultimately may force down the value of the pound.

They pointed to the continued decline in the "free" value of the pound in New York where it is worth less than \$3—and questioned how long this country could continue to revalue sterling at the official rate in view of her dwindling dollar resources and continuing import-export gap.

—United Press.

## Parliamentary Mission's China Itinerary

Canton, Sept. 19.  
The provisional programme of the British Parliamentary Mission which will shortly visit China at the invitation of the Chinese Government has now been made known.

As previously announced, the Mission comprise six members, two from the House of Lords (Lord Ammon and Lord Annulley) and four from the House of Commons (Mr. F. C. Leavy, Mr. J. Harrison, Mr. Wilfred Roberts and Mr. Martin Lindsay).

The Mission will leave England by BOAC flying boat on Sept. 27, and upon arrival in Hong Kong will transfer to an aircraft placed at their disposal by the Chinese Government in which they will travel direct to Nanking.

The Mission is scheduled to arrive in Nanking on Oct. 6, and will remain in the capital for the Double Tenth Celebrations, leaving for Peiping on Oct. 11.

Thereafter their visit takes them to Mukden, Tientsin, Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow, Changchun, and finally to Nanking in the first two days of November, where they will bid farewell to President Chiang Kai-shek and members of the Chinese Government.

# Tramway Men Decide To Defer Walk-Out

## EMPLOYERS LIFT PAY INCREASE OFFERS

The threatened strike of tramway workers, originally scheduled for this morning, will not take place. The men decided last night to postpone action pending further negotiations.

The decision was reached at a mass meeting of the workers, held at the club premises last night, after a report from their delegates, who had been in conference with the management from 2.30 to 6.05 p.m. yesterday at the Labour Office.

The delegates reported that, following long discussions, the employers raised their pay increase offer to 50 percent on existing basic wage for skilled workers, motormen, and conductors; and 30 percent for grills attendants and coolies.

Daily Rates  
The rates of daily pay for these categories of workmen before the present demand for an increase were:

Mechanical and skilled workers \$2.70; motormen \$2.25; conductors \$1.875; grills attendants \$0.7 cents; heavy-work coolies \$1.175 and light-work coolies \$1.012.

At the meeting on Monday the Company agreed to raise these rates to \$3.01, \$3.14, \$2.60, \$1.20, \$1.44 and \$1.28 respectively. These the men flatly rejected.

At yesterday's parley the employers raised the rates to \$3.03, \$3.37, \$2.81, \$1.22, \$1.53 and \$1.32 respectively.

The Company also agreed to two of the men's other demands, viz., a day off per week and same rehabilitation allowance for all workers irrespective of grade, except apprentices which will be less.

The employers' latest offer was submitted to the meeting for consideration.

Ballot  
It was decided that each category of workers should seek a ballot from among its own members to decide on whether to accept or to reject the offer.

In the latter case, what minimum rates would be acceptable.

The ballot is to be completed by tomorrow afternoon, when a final mass meeting would be held, and negotiations would be resumed with the management on Monday.

The temper of the men was much milder last night when it was known that the management had made an increase in their offer to the men.

Immediately after the meeting ended, the men collected in groups outside in the street to discuss what they should do by Sunday.

Bus Threat  
Employees of the China Bus Company, who held two mass meetings yesterday, will be meeting the management again today for new talks on their pay increase demand.

The men are not in a good mood, and if the result of today's talk is

## Hurricane Threat To New Orleans

New Orleans, Sept. 19.  
The roaring ten-day-old hurricane swirled into Louisiana today and the city of New Orleans is in a state of emergency for storms of destructive force.

Winds of "full hurricane force" of 75 miles an hour or more struck Burwood, La., the mouth of the Mississippi River about seven miles below New Orleans just before dawn.

It was the same storm which cut a 500,000,000 path of destruction across Florida earlier in the week. Unless it deviates sharply from its course, a hurricane will strike New Orleans at mid-morning, according to the Weather Bureau.

Army trucks with loud speakers awakened the 4,600 persons living in the wartime housing built along Lake Pontchartrain before dawn and took them to the community centre and two public schools.—United Press.

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# Main Tokyo Area Escapes Floods

Tokyo, Sept. 19.  
The main part of Tokyo was believed to be safe from the flood tonight as two swollen rivers, running a parallel course through the north-east suburbs spilled into lowlying areas on the way to Tokyo Bay.

Three Tokyo wards got a good ducking from flooding of the Arakawa and Tone rivers after the retaining embankment between them gave way and the Edo dykes were dynamited, but loss of life in the city was believed to be small. One report said seven lives were lost.

Delayed reports showed that the Saitama Prefecture, just north of Tokyo, was the hardest hit.

After four days it was still eight feet under water over an area of 62 square miles in northern Saitama as the river reached by 18 inches.

Families have been evacuated north-east Tokyo in 24 hours. The Japanese Welfare Ministry estimated that 50,000 will be evacuating.

A SCAP source estimated that midnight will be the danger hour for Tokyo because the Naka is expected to overflow its banks at several points and possibly the dykes will not be able to hold.

Flood waters have reached over the Kanamachi railway station over 670,000 acres of rice paddies where the water is more than six feet deep. The Tokyo flood, associated Press.





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## Gallup Poll To Check-Up On Radio Rediffusion

By MARGARET BRADBURY

Five per cent of Hong Kong's one and a half million residential population are taking part in a Gallup poll this week which aims to find out whether a new method of radio programme reception would be successful if introduced in the Colony.

In the form of 10,000 pre-paid postcards printed in English and Chinese, the public are being asked for their reaction, favourable or otherwise, to the system of rediffusion—the relaying of broadcast programmes by wire instead of the usual wireless transmission.

The Broadcast Relay Service (Overseas) Ltd., a British concern with headquarters in London, is at present negotiating with the authorities for permission to establish this service in Hong Kong.

At the moment, more than 400,000 homes in England, and Wales are receiving the service.

### The Process

Explaining the principles of rediffusion yesterday the Company's representative in Hong Kong said: "The home of each subscriber to the system is supplied with a loudspeaker which is connected by direct wire to the amplifying station."

The loudspeaker is equipped with volume control and a selective switch enabling the listener to turn to programme A, B or C, thus giving him a choice of which programme he wishes to hear.

"In Hong Kong there would be at least two or possibly three being relayed at all times."

"It is not possible at this time," said the representative, "to state the exact changes which would be made to subscribers in Hong Kong, but it is estimated that they would range from six to eight dollars per month."

The focal point of the rediffusion system is the Central unit, which is established as near as possible to the centre of the area to be served.

In addition, a receiving station is established at a point outside the built-up area, where reception conditions have been proved to be the best obtainable and here the aerial array is erected including specially designed receiving equipment to cover all broadcast bands.

### The Input

The Central Control receives its input of programmes from several sources.

First, the foreign broadcast through the receiving station—and in Hong Kong the most important of these would probably be London, Canton, Manila, America and New Delhi.

The second source of programmes would be provided by Broadcast Relay's own studios in Hong Kong where libraries of recorded programmes would be maintained and "live" broadcasts employing local or visiting talent.

A third source of programmes would be ZBW and ZBK broadcasts which would be relayed as part of the programmes of the system during the hours that they are on the air.

Perhaps the main point of interest concerning rediffusion in Hong Kong claimed by the British representative is that when programmes are brought to the listener in this method, interference, fading and distortion are eliminated.

Nether weather conditions, nor static due to traffic buses, other electric machinery, can affect the programme.

Nether is there any risk of interference from programmes broadcast on a nearby waveband.

### Irritation

Every listener to a radio set knows the irritation of that occasional background of music when he is listening to a talk, or of a talk when he is trying to listen to music.

It compels him to turn the tuning knob, and though this may get rid of the interference, it also narrows the frequency band of the programme to which he is listening and further distorts the quality of the voice or instrument he wants to hear.

"Rediffusion gives an even reproduction of audio-frequencies between 50 and 100,000 cycles per second which is much superior to the range of the ordinary receiving set."

### In Britain

In Britain, the Broadcast Relay's programmes selected for relaying are routed through Central Control, where they are monitored, amplified and passed on to subscribers.

They may go direct to nearby subscribers over the Company's own line, called a "service feeder" or they may be passed on "over Post Office or private

lines to Sub-Amplifier Stations, from which other service feeders radiate.

Thirdly, they may be carried at high voltage to distant transmitters, where the voltage is stepped down to service level, and from which again other service feeders bear them to their destination in private homes.

Whichever method is employed—and usually all are employed simultaneously—Central Control is in complete charge of every programme at every stage.

The operator on duty there can monitor not only the input from the local broadcasting station, the receiving station or the company's own studio, but also the output from each substation and each home in his area.

Thus he knows just that each subscriber is receiving.

## Women Not Eager To Join Juries

Not a single woman has yet come forward to register for Jury Service, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

A Bill making women eligible for jury service was passed almost two months ago.

It is understood, however, that the authorities concerned will shortly send out circulars asking women to send in their names for inclusion in the jurors register.

All women with sufficient knowledge of English to understand and follow proceedings in Court are liable for Service.

Women jurors will probably appear in the Supreme Court for the first time in the Colony during the next Criminal Sessions.

## Readers' Letters

### Gracie Case

Sir,—I feel most heartened by your leader on the Gracie Case. I had commenced to think that Gracie had been abandoned to his fate, the victim of Hong Kong apathy in anything other than personal interests.

I am but little concerned in the letter of the law as so ably outlined in your leader but it seems to me that the spirit of justice was sadly lacking in the harsh sentence imposed.

Surely something can be done!

We were recently informed that the sentences of death imposed on two Japanese war criminals had been commuted, by a temporary G.O.C., on the advice of the highest legal authority. Is it too much to suggest that the same legal authority may advise on the Gracie case?

Surely this travesty of justice cannot continue to sully the record of British Justice.

H. C. ANDERSON.

## ST. JOHN'S RESTORATION FUND

The following is a list of donations to St. John's Cathedral Restoration Fund received up to Sept. 18, which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Club	\$ 727.00
D.G. McAvoy	250.00
A.W. Hughes	500.00
Anonymous	25.00
Teh-Hu Sunfuh Co. Ltd.	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Choy	100.00
Hong Kong & Shanghai	200.00
Shui Lue Co.	200.00
Restoration Box	7.70
Total	\$ 2,109.70

Received up to Sept. 11, and already acknowledged 126,742.32

Total Donations up to Sept. 18, \$120,652.02

## WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Messrs. Davis, Boyd & Co., Ltd. \$5,000. Capt. D. Keating \$100. Capt. L.A. Sterling \$100. In Memory of the late Mr. Geo. Hall \$100. The Incorporated Chinese Society of Hong Kong \$100. Total \$5,300. Hong Kong Government Contribution \$4,000. Total \$9,300. Grand

## No Approval Yet For Rehab. Loan To H.K.

Approval of a public loan in Hong Kong to meet Government rehabilitation expenditure has not yet come from London, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively yesterday.

Meanwhile, draft legislation covering the proposed loan has been completed but is subject to alterations which may become necessary by the time London's approval is received.

Rehabilitation expenditure up to the end of 1947-48 financial year was originally estimated at \$200,487,000.

## GRIM TALE OF HORRORS WHEN JAPS SANK "BEHAR"

Tales, reminiscent of the days when pirates roamed the high seas, capturing vessels and making their captives "walk the plank," were unfolded in the course of the War Crimes trial of Rear Admiral Sakonju Naomasa and Captain Mayazumi Haruo, which commenced before No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday.

Sakonju and Mayazumi, like a trust was made into the heart of the court to ensure against failure.

"The blood on the quarter deck was washed down with a fire hose."

"Thus, between 65 and 70 men were murdered in cold blood and their bodies consigned to the deep—murdered because they were not necessary to the Japanese."

"The prosecution would seek to prove beyond reasonable doubt that both Sakonju and Mayazumi were culpable of this gruesome crime."

**Passengers' Story**

Affidavits by P. J. Greene, J. G. Godwin, C. P. H. Kershaw and W. L. Griffiths, passengers on board the ill-fated m.v. "Behar" were then read out in Court.

These affidavits, told of the sinking of the "Behar" by the Japanese cruiser "Tone" and the subsequent transfer of survivors, including two women, to the "Tone."

The sinking took place in mid-ocean between Melbourne and Bombay on March 9, 1944.

The affidavits also told how the survivors were ill-treated on board the "Tone" and kept detained within a small area below decks.

The "Tone" proceeded to Batavia, headquarters of the South-west Area Fleet, where a number of "essential passengers" were taken ashore and lodged in camps.

The remainder of the survivors were kept on board the "Tone."

**Japanese Evidence**

Shimanoichi Monochiyo, Senior Staff Officer of the 16th Squadron in Feb. 1944, testified as to plans which were made, in the course of a conference at Penang, for an operation in the Indian Ocean for the disruption of Allied lines of communication and for the capture of Allied ships.

Shimanoichi said that prior to the operation being carried out, emphasis was laid on the fact that secrecy must be maintained.

It was suggested that should a ship be captured or sunk, only persons essential for the giving of information were to be brought back.

In the case of a captured ship, a boarding party should take over and the crew of the ship should be used to bring it back to port.

In regard to the "Behar," Shimanoichi said that he asked the Captain of the "Tone" why this ship had been sunk.

The latter said that the vessel was too far away to bring back.

**40 Europeans**

Shimanoichi said that he heard a report to the effect that there were 40 Europeans on board the "Behar," all of whom had been rescued.

He had also heard that 40 Europeans were taken back to port.

After detailing the events leading up to the cold-blooded mass murder, Major Cross said: "The execution took three hours to complete. Just before the 'Tone' reached the Banka Straits, Ishiyama reported to Mayazumi that he had completed the task allotted to him."

"To carry out the execution, the victims were first knocked unconscious. A sword was then used to cut the jugular vein and

## Watercress Farmers Protest On Ban

Farmers whose watercress crops were destroyed by Health Department told Press representatives yesterday that they were ready to take their case to Sir Alexander Grantham, the Governor, if no satisfaction is obtained from the Health authorities.

Yesterday a delegation of four farmers visited Dr. G.A.C. Herklotz, Development Secretariat, to plead for lifting of the ban on the growing of watercress in the Shumshuiho, Shek Kip Mei and Ta Ku Ling areas.

The delegation was told that the Development Secretariat had nothing to do with the banning of watercress cultivation. The action was taken by the Health Department.

The farmers' representatives were also assured that the Development Secretariat would assist the affected farmers to find alternative crops so as not to let the land become idle.

Talking to pressmen, farmers said that watercress could also be cultivated in dry beds and that alternative methods could be found to cultivate the vegetable which would not conflict with Health regulations.

The farmers intend to send a delegation to see the Director of Medical Services, Dr. New-

## Jap Doctor Made Hospital Torture Chamber

Evidence of "cruel and bizarre" medical experiments on Allied prisoners of war at the Shinagawa camp in Tokyo by Hisakichi Tokuda, Japanese army doctor, was given at Tokuda's trial in Yokohama by Dr. A. W. Dawson-Grove, of Hong Kong.

Dr. Dawson-Grove, who was a Surgeon-Lieutenant in the H.K.R.N.V.M., was one of the doctors at Shinagawa camp, a camp for sick prisoners. He was in charge of T.B. cases.

The indictment against Tokuda says the Japanese doctor turned the hospital camp into a "veritable medieval torture chamber."

"Experiments" Tokuda, it was stated, dreamed of becoming a great Japanese scientist, and carried out numerous medical experiments on P.O.W.'s.

He injected them with a noy bean solution—treatment absolutely without medical precedent causing shock, severe vomiting and convulsions, followed by death in a few days.

On one occasion, after the crematorium had been bombed, a prisoner of war died of T.B.

Permission to cremate the body in a field far from the camp was denied, and the prisoners were forced to cremate the body in the hospital ground proper, placing the body on a "split" just as if they were barbecuing beef.

Tokuda was also charged with using the "Mokusa" treatment—a medieval "cure" by which a powder was placed on the patient's skin and then ignited, the patient being held down while he writhed and howled with pain.

Among arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel are S.E. Faithful, Robert Sherrod, C. H. Ryner, C.L. Faber, J.F. Landray and Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Rand.

Peninsula departures include Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. J.P. Lucas, E.C.S. Adkins, W. Parsons, G.W. Brazier, E.D. Fleming, Dr. and Mrs. R.E. Redde, Capt. and Mrs. O.C. Brown and B. Pierce.

A former United States Ambassador, Mr. William C. Bullitt, left Shanghai by air early yesterday for Hong Kong and India.

China, after several weeks of negotiations in various parts of China to gather material for articles to be published by Life magazine. He has travelled extensively and has visited Manchuria and Formosa—Reuter.

The Venerable Lokanatha, Italian Buddhist priest, will deliver a public sermon on "Buddhism, the Religion of Scientific Reason," at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Lady Ho Tung's Temple, 16 Shan Kwong Road, Happy Valley. At 7 p.m. on Monday another sermon will be made on "Self-conquest by Means of Truth."

**CORRECTION**

In our account of the case in which Noble Flursbench was unsuccessfully sued by Mrs. Sthy Balgover for alleged desertion and failure to support, it was stated that the applicant claimed that the last payment made to her was \$380 in January after which defendant refused to support her. The account failed to bring out that this version of events was contradicted and that it was insisted that the applicant, after receiving two months' allowance, refused to receive the further payments which were tendered. The omission is regretted.

**RING FOUND**

A jade ring was found on a bathing beach on Sunday, Sept. 14, and is now held by police pending claim by the owner who should communicate with the Director of Criminal Investigation, Police Headquarters, Hong Kong.

fore being sunk, the "Behar" had sent out a wireless message. It was, under such circumstances, dangerous for the squadron to remain in the vicinity, as an Allied Task Force might come upon the scene.

According to Shimanoichi, a message was sent by Sakonju to the "Tone" to keep only the minimum number of prisoners and to dispose of the rest.

Shimanoichi said that he took the word "dispose" to mean that the prisoners should be executed. He heard the Captain of the "Tone" express an opinion that the prisoners could be put better use.

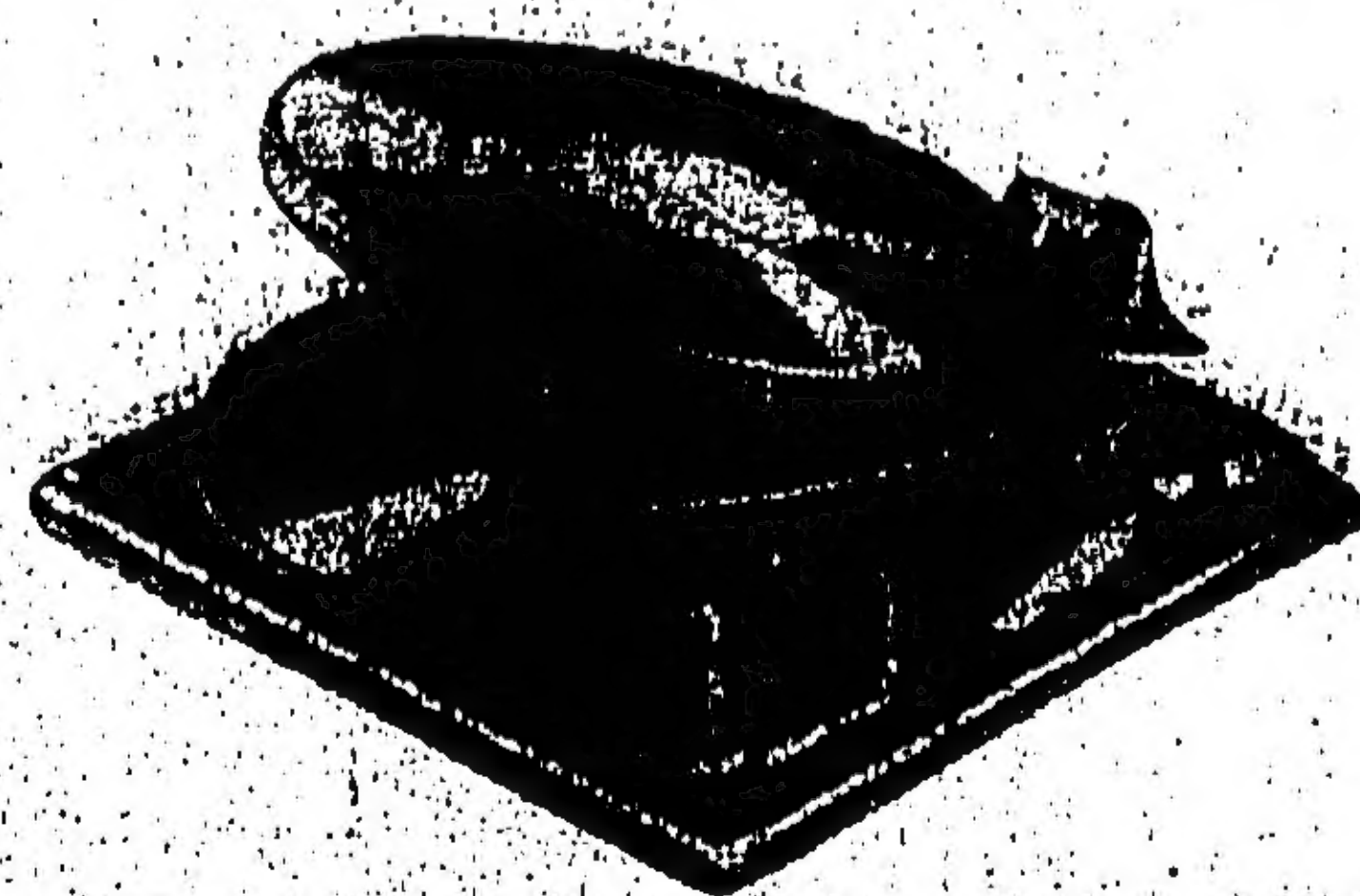
Shimanoichi said that he heard that there were two women amongst the survivors of the "Behar."

The squadron arrived at Batavia after six days' sailing from the spot where the "Behar" was sunk.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

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## KOREAN TRADE IN HANDS OF HK. MERCHANTS

Hong Kong trade with Korea was spot-lighted for the first time since the reoccupation by Mr. J. J. Cowperthwaite, Director of Hong Kong's Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, in a talk to the Anglo-Chinese Economic Association in the Gloucester Dining Room yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. A. V. Chen, who said it was the first of a series of weekly get-togethers the Association was holding for the promotion of closer economic ties between the Chinese and the British.

Mr. Cowperthwaite said that he was unable to express any opinion on trade prospects between Hong Kong and Korea, or to give an account of the contraband trade that had been going on.

### Official Move

The first official move to get post-war trade started between Korea and Hong Kong was made in December 1946, when Lieut. Cowan, of the U.S. Military Government in Korea, came down to Hong Kong to look into the possibilities of exchanging goods between the two places.

Hong Kong was well known for its large entrepot trade, and it was felt that it could supply many commodities that Korea might require, in exchange for such raw materials that she could ship us in exchange, such as pine-apples, raw silk, tungsten manganese, etc.

Korea, however, was technically still enemy territory, and no private dealings between individuals could be allowed. Trade could be done only on a government-to-government basis.

After consultation with the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, it was decided that though any trade between the two places would be dangerous in appearance.

In the absence of any official exchange, any goods shipped out of Hong Kong would be more or less on a barter basis, the proceeds of sale, if and when the goods are sold, to be applied towards purchase of goods for importation into Hong Kong.

There were prospects of success in setting up business along these lines through government channels.

### A Mission

It was accordingly agreed that the Korean Military Government should set up a commercial mission in Hong Kong.

Lieut. Cowan returned to Korea, and three months later brought back his Government's ratification to the arrangement. The agreement provided for payments to be made in Hong Kong.

## Soong Made Governor Of Kwangtung

Nanking, Sept. 10. Dr. T. V. Soong, former Premier, was officially appointed Governor of Kwangtung Province at an Executive Yuan meeting this morning.

He succeeds Dr. Lo Cho-ying, who is to receive another Government post.

Dr. Soong has led a life of retirement for the past eight months since his resignation from the Premiership in the midst of sharp criticisms of the Government's economic policies.

The critics had placed on him the responsibility for the Government's inability to check the country's economic distress.

### Dismissed

At the same time, the Executive Yuan ordered CNRA Deputy Director C. M. Li to be relieved of his job after recommending last week that criminal charges be filed against him on the basis of "evidence gathered by its irregularities."

An investigation followed the accusations of irregularities against Li by former CNRA employees. Reuter and Associated Press.

## What Happened In The Courts

### The Wizard Didn't Know His Own Strength

A wizard, Wong San, claiming not to know his own strength, struck 18-year-old Chang Wong in the stomach causing him to be hospitalized for two days.

Mr. Conklin of Central Court yesterday sentenced wizard Wong to a \$50 fine.

Chang said that he accidentally hit Wong's wife with a water bucket when he was trying to get water from a street fountain. The woman cried out and Wong mistaking it for a fight, struck Chang to defend his wife. "I didn't mean to hit him so hard," Wong said. "But I'm sure there was a fight going on."

Chang was ordered by Mr. Conklin to be bailed over in \$25 for six months.

### CLUSTERING COOLIES

The crowd of coolies clustering round the Peninsula Hotel entrance to the Airlines office have been the cause of numerous complaints by the Airlines, and a real headache to the Police.

The coolies poster air passengers about carrying their baggage. Repeated warnings by the Police have been ignored.

Three of them were arrested on Thursday and appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged under Ordinance 40 of 1932 section 3 as 20, with obstruction.

On the applications of Inspector J. Orem, Chan Shun-ki, Ng Chun-fung and Chun Wai were ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

### ARMED ROBBERIES

Lau Ping-sang alias Ngau Tei and Li Cheung, who pleaded guilty to charges of robbery by two or more and possession of arms and ammunition, were each sentenced to eight years imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Additional Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Wong Tai-mui, who was charged together with Lau and Li, on the charge of possession of arms and ammunition, was found not guilty by a jury and discharged.

Cheung Hon-leung was yesterday found guilty by a jury on a charge of armed robbery by two or more and sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment with hard labour and nine strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Pulne Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. Justice Williams said that he was taking a more lenient view on account of accused's youth.

## GERMAN WORKS CLOSED

Berlin, Sept. 18. The Astania Optical Works in the United States sector of Berlin, six of whose directors and managers are facing American charges of having sold war materials to the Russians, have been closed down with immediate effect on orders of the United States Military Government.

Cleaners and watchmen may enter the works in future only with the consent of the United States Military Government. The Free German Trade Unions have begun negotiations with the Military Government to safeguard the interests of workers, but the outcome is not yet known.—Reuter.

Advantage has now been lost. The future lies very much in the hands of the merchants," concluded the speaker.

### She Saw A Shadow In Her Room

In her room at 4.45 a.m. on Thursday, Li Tin saw a shadow.

The shadow ran out to her room on the third floor and started to climb up a rope to the roof, she said.

Li followed and grabbed the feet of the shadow, calling to her neighbours to help.

While the neighbours held the shadow, she summoned a constable, who found a pen and pencil, a belt and \$10 worth of clothing on the thief.

Deciding to change his plea from "not guilty" to "guilty" in the middle of the case before Mr. Conklin of Central Court, Wong Fuk yesterday admitted that he was the shadow.

Previously convicted of entering a dwelling house with the intent of theft, the shadow was sentenced to eight months' hard labour.

### MAH-JONGG THEFT

Chan Hung, 29, was sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for aiding and abetting in the theft of a mah-jongg set on Sept. 8.

Defective Sub-Inspector Harker, prosecuting, stated that a Chinese called at Chan Sau-tai's shop at Temple Street and asked her to deliver a mah-jongg set to 5 Temple Street ground floor.

When she arrived at the address, said DSI Baker, he noticed accused sitting on a stool outside the door. He followed her in.

Next morning when she called for the set, Chan found the occupants and the mah-jongg gone. Accused was arrested by PC 932 as he was running away from 386 Shanghai Street on Sept. 17 after he had made an unsuccessful attempt to obtain a mah-jongg set from Pang Shu.

### SMUGGLED CYCLES

The record seizure of contraband cargo on the a.s. Hong Slang on Thursday included some 50 bicycles, one of which was claimed by a passenger yesterday.

The man was charged with attempting to export unmanifested cargo and allowed bail of \$50.

### HAWKERS SEIZED

Twenty-eight hawkers were rounded up by the Shamshui Police on Thursday. Fines of \$50 each were imposed on 25, and bail of \$35 each forfeited by three when the cases were called before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. S. I. Howarth prosecuted.

Charged with preparing and possession of opium, Mak Yau, widow, and Mak Cheung, hawker, were sentenced to six months' imprisonment when they pleaded guilty before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

On being sentenced, defendants claimed that they had young children to look after and requested a fine instead. "Very well," said the magistrate, "\$2,000."

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 8.30 to 11.00 a.m., and also on 9.32 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.42 p.m.—Mantovani and His Orchestra.  
12.47 p.m.—Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) Milt Herth (Organ) and Joe Green (Xylophone).  
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
1.15 p.m.—Himiko Kurosaki "Capriccio Espagnol" London Symphony Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Studio. Connie Dinnalls and His Orchestra.  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.30 p.m.—Light Valters.  
7.00 p.m.—Studio "Unit Requests" Bill Vicary, Callings, H. Q. Land Force.  
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.  
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News.  
8.15 p.m.—Studio Celeste Oiler.  
8.20 p.m.—Personality Interview: Deborah Kerr.  
8.30 p.m.—London Playhouse: "I See a Dark Thing" With Deborah Kerr, Trevor Howard and Raymond Huntley.  
9.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Macabres".  
9.15 p.m.—Operetta "Alma".  
9.30 p.m.—Chopin: "The Op. 10 No. 1" London Philharmonic Orchestra.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.  
10.11 p.m.—Cabaret and Dance Music.  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

## UNEASY TOPIC OF SINO-BRITISH RELATIONS

The "controversial" topic of the legacy of Sino-British relations formed the subject of an address to To-H last night by Mr. Ma Man-fai.

Mr. Ma referred to the joint structure of China at the time the British first came to the country, when all foreigners were classified as "barbarians" and Western and Chinese concepts of conduct were totally dissimilar.

The speaker referred to the Opium War as "the most tragic event in the entire course of Sino-British relationships."

"Hong Kong in the early days flourished, and although it once had learned societies these lacked patronage, and the community drifted towards material things, with great commercial enterprises and industries, and yet in that prosperous community, the University, the show-piece as it were of British intellectual effort, has struggled continuously to balance its budget."

Mr. Ma mentioned the influence of the Hong Kong College of Medicine on Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the material and hygienic benefits and examples of Western conveniences and amenities in the Colony.

### Chinese Blame

Chinese officials, said the speaker, blamed others for China's defects while the average Chinese was brought up in an intensely nationalistic atmosphere but he thought there was not much bitterness to break down and that when a self-respecting policy was developed it would build up friendship and cordiality.

"Democratic government has been promised in Hong Kong, but democracy is not merely the power to vote; democracy cannot be complete without social and economic democracy, public utilities should be maintained for the benefit of the community as a whole, education should bring out the best of every student, with a long programme, when the culture, the arts, the science, the moral uplift, and the civic spirit of the West will help to inspire every citizen, when money from trade, industry and taxation will go back to the people, in a real step forward towards the goal that is the great objective of Colonial government."

### Over Emphasis

"From the West, the Chinese could have found emancipation from China's past over-emphasis of the mind and could have struck the noble middle course, but they have become apt pupils at money making. Four hundred and fifty million such pupils would be a world menace. With the withdrawal of the foreigners from Shanghai and other places in China, Hong Kong is provided with the opportunity to show the Chinese, by precept and example, what the West can do, the success of which should contribute to the happiness and good fortune of China and Britain in particular."

## U.S. Bombers Over Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Sept. 18.

Tanhu, the official Yugoslav news agency, today alleged that United States bombers have flown over Yugoslav territory and over the free territory of Trieste since the Italian peace treaty came into force on Monday.

Referring to the alleged incidents as "a brutal violation of the decisions of the peace treaty," Tanjug stated:

"This manner of flying over the frontier recalls the provocations of the Greek Monarcho-Fascist forces and their method of provoking frontier incidents."—Reuter.

## CHINESE BATTLE DESPATCHES

Peiping, Sept. 19.

Chinese press despatches said today that Communist forces attacked two railroad stations on the Tientsin-Mukden line threatening rail communications between Manchuria and North China.

The despatches said the two towns under attack were Hincheng, 60 miles north of the Great Wall pass of Shanhai-kwan, and Sulichung, half-way between Hincheng and Shanhai-kwan.

Nationalist quarters in Manchuria speculated on a Red offensive between now and Oct. 1 since attacks on this railroad usually precede Communist attacks in Manchuria.—United Press.

## TRIED TO CASH CHEQUE HE FOUND

Chu Chi-fai, a 21-year-old Chinese male, was handed over to the Police by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday when he attempted to cash a cheque for \$46,500, drawn on the Bank by a Mr. Walker living at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Chu was said to have picked up the cheque in the vicinity of the China Emporium about noon yesterday.

The Director of Public Works announces that as from Monday, the public dump South of Island Road to the East of Aberdeen will be closed.

A new dump for earth and building debris will be opened from the same date, on the South side of Island Road, West of Aberdeen Dock.

Permits to dump here may be obtained, free of charge, on application to the Executive Engineer in charge of Roads and Tunnels, Public Works Department, Lower Albert Road. Dumping without a permit is prohibited.



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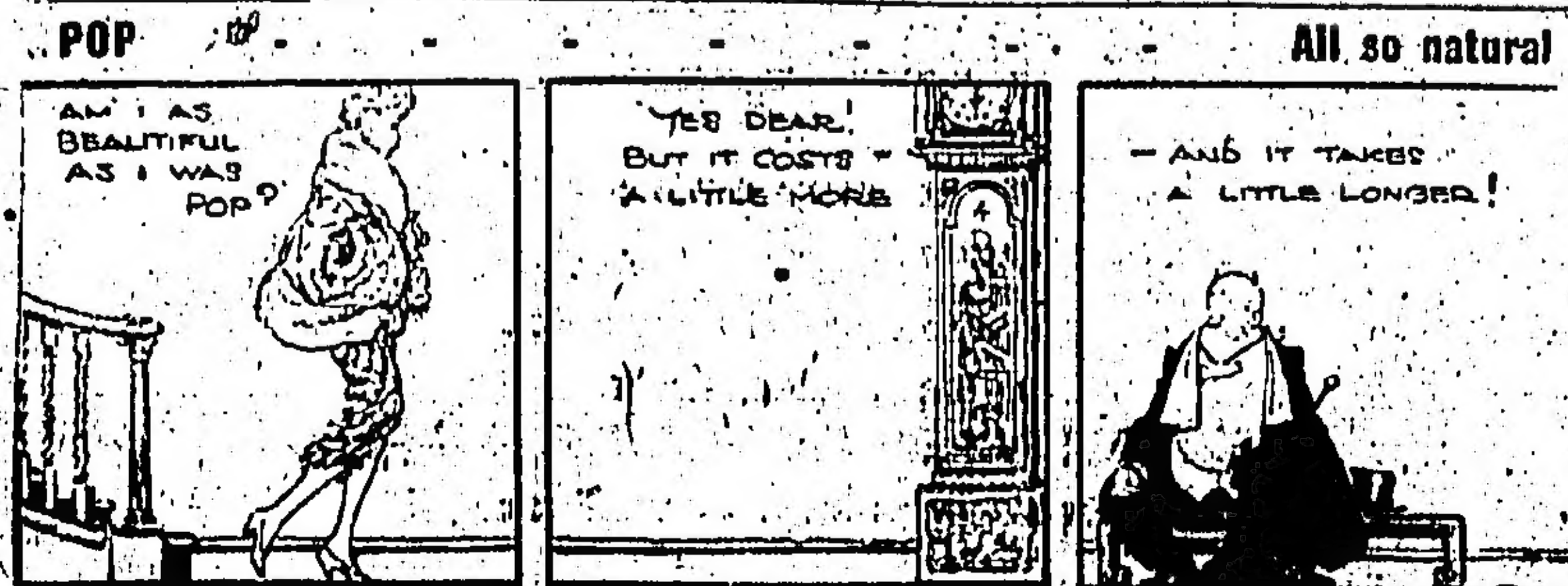
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# SCATHING DENUNCIATION BY SOVIET U.N. DELEGATE Bitter Attack On Democracies

Lake Success, Sept. 19.

In the most bitter denunciation of Great Britain and the United States the Soviet Union has ever delivered, M. Andrei Vishinsky, Russian Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, last night accused the two Democracies of departing from the principles on which the United Nations was founded.

So bitter was M. Vishinsky's attack that the possibility that Russia may threaten to leave the United Nations if the American proposal for a veto-free 55-nation Security Committee of the General Assembly is adopted, was being seriously discussed by delegates to the General Assembly.

M. Vishinsky charged that United States policy threatened to wreck the United Nations and foment a third world war, against the Soviet Union, and turned down the Marshall plan for remodelling the peace-keeping machinery as an "ill-conceived scheme to substitute and by-pass the Security Council."

In a speech lasting more than an hour and a half, M. Vishinsky attacked the entire range of United States foreign policy. He called John Foster Dulles and nine other Americans "warmongers," in the first personal attack of this session of the Assembly.

M. Vishinsky rejected Mr. Marshall's proposals on Korea and accused the United States of an expansionist policy in Europe, open political conflict with Russia and outright undermining of the United Nations.

"Selfish Interests"  
He called for the outlawing of war propaganda and speedy disarmament action, including destruction of the entire United States atomic bomb stockpile.

Replying to Mr. Marshall's proposals to side-step the use of the veto in meetings of the Security Council, M. Vishinsky charged the United States of using the United Nations for "individual, selfish and narrowly conceived interests."

He accused the United States of interference in the domestic affairs of other nations, and cited the Truman Doctrine of aid to Greece and Turkey and Mr. Marshall's plan of economic aid to Europe as "violations of the principles of the United Nations."

He made these points:  
1. Britain and the United States are attempting to carry out practical measures outside the United Nations without regard to that organization.  
2. He drew attention to the menace to the United Nations of such a policy which is incompatible with the Charter and the aims of the United Nations.

**Atomic Question**  
2. Among the most important setbacks in the activities of the United Nations was "the unsatisfactory position of disarmament."  
3. Britain and the United States are unwilling to disarm, and are putting the

**U.S. in China**

A.—The presence of British troops in Egypt, Greece and Transjordan.

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D.—South Africa's failure to present a trusteeship agreement for South-West Africa.

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terference in atomic production plants, though she was willing to have strict international atomic control.

M. Vishinsky said that the question of the outlawing of atomic and other mass destruction methods gave rise to "particular anxiety." The Soviet Union had taken a number of steps to solve the atomic question, but these had been resisted—mainly by the United States.

Russia, he said, could not in any circumstances accept foreign interference in atomic production plants, though she was willing to have strict international atomic control.

He accused the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall plan of being "a violation of the principles of the United Nations" and an attempt by the United States to dictate policy to other nations.

M. Vishinsky went on: "It is no secret that the so-called American aid to Greece and Turkey is being utilized by the United States as a political weapon."

"The Marshall plan," he declared, is an attempt by the United States to force European countries to depend on "American monopolies."

"The Marshall plan in an attempt to break Europe into two camps and form a bloc of countries hostile to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union."

4.—M. Vishinsky said that the Western Powers obviously intended to use German heavy industry, particularly in the Ruhr, as one of the "principal economic bases of America in Europe."

5.—He declared that the General Assembly must act in the following "violations of its directives":

1. The presence of British troops in Egypt, Greece and Transjordan.

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## WARDERS BEING GIVEN SHOT-GUNS

Dartmoor, Sept. 18.

Dartmoor prison warders are being armed again when guarding outside working parties.

The Home Office has given permission for the prison armory to be re-stocked with shot guns.

The prison staff has asked for this to protect themselves, to maintain more effective discipline and to deter convicts planning escape.

The arming of prison warders was stopped some years ago. Guards on military prisoners in Dartmoor will still be unarmed.—Reuter.

donesa cannot be called anything except an act of aggression.

He demanded that the Persian question be taken off the Security Council agenda and accused Britain and the United States of trying to keep it on, "apparently for some specific purpose."

**"Campaign For War"**

M. Vishinsky added: "Soviet policy is based on steady and consistent observance of the Charter."

He said that Russia demanded "the unconditional observance of Big Power unanimity. The Soviet Union will struggle and fight for this principle."

He said that the charges against Greece's neighbours were "devoid of foundation and arbitrary."

He accused the press in some countries of waging a propaganda campaign for a new war.

"The furious campaign in the press—mainly American, and in that of the countries obediently following the United States, like Turkey—being spread to coax public opinion in favour of a new war," he said.

He added: "Warmongering propagandists are trying by hook and by crook to frighten people by tales and vicious fabrications about alleged preparations by the Soviet Union to attack America."

"They know certainly that they are telling lies, and that the Soviet Union is not threatening, in any way, an attack on any country."

**War Psychosis**  
As one can judge by the number of signs, the preparation for a new war has already passed the stage of sheer propaganda, psychological coaxing and the war of nerves.

"The numerous facts proved that in some countries, and particularly in the United States, the war psychosis is being warmed up by putting into effect practical measures of a military and strategic character, together with technical measures such as the building of new military bases, re-location of armed forces, expansion of armaments production and feverish work to improve weapons."—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

## Customs Union Agreement

London, Sept. 18.

Following a secret session today, the British Commonwealth and colonial delegates to the second annual meeting of International Bank and International Monetary Fund decided to recommend to their respective Governments that an Empire Customs Union plan "in a modified form" should be adopted.

It was understood that some Dominions, including India, were agreed that control of imports and protection of secondary industries must still be continued.

A message was received from Pakistan, which is not a member yet of either the Bank or the Fund, intimating its willingness to participate in any further discussions which might be held "on a Cabinet level."

Mr. Sunderason, of India, together with representatives of Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand, will continue their discussions with Treasury officials tomorrow when, it is understood, they will endeavor to draw up the Empire's dollar requirements for the coming year.—Reuter.

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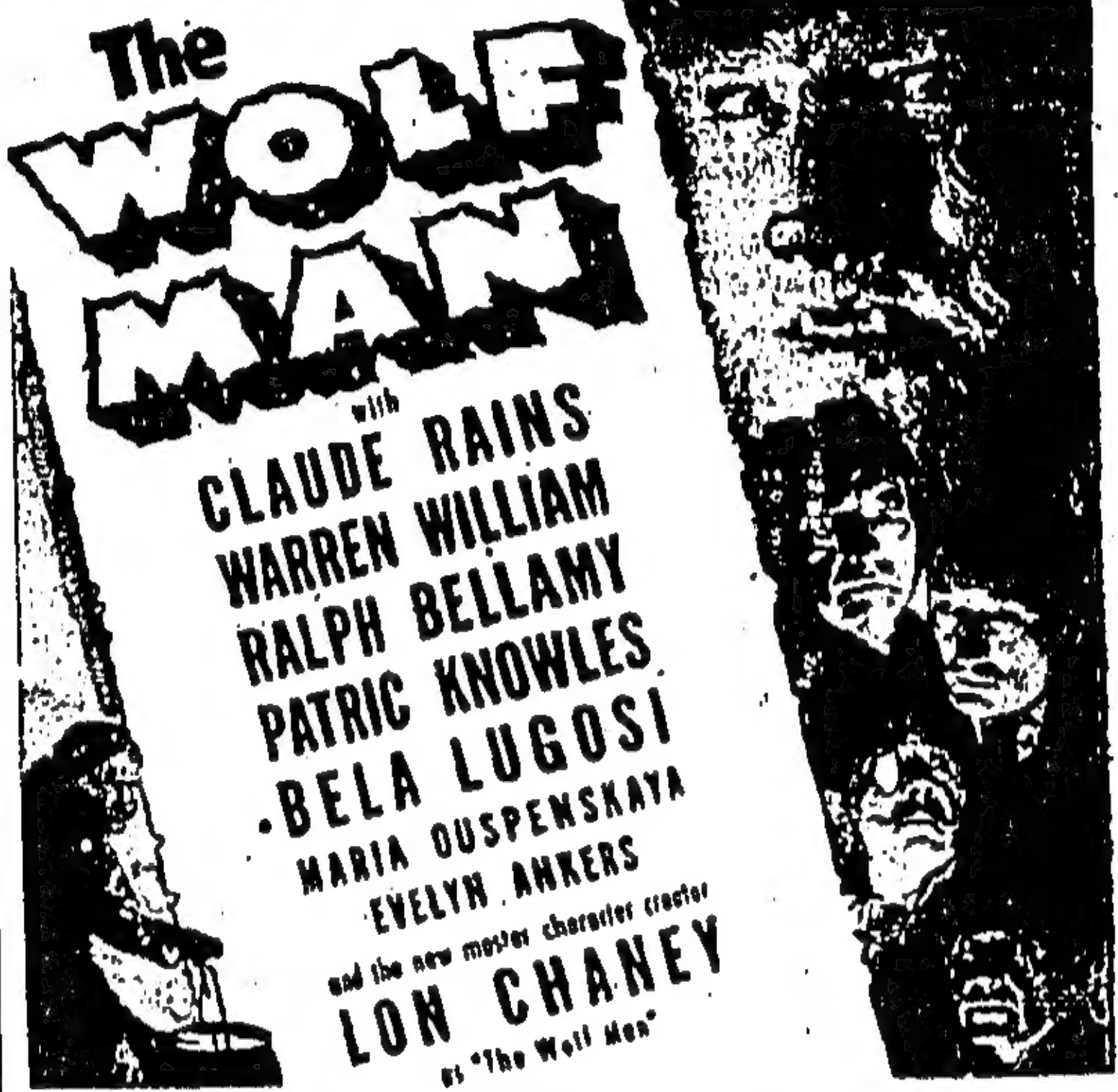
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## SNYDER VISIT

The visit to London of Mr. Snyder, Secretary of the United States Treasury, ostensibly to attend the meetings of the World Bank, has enabled him to inform himself at first hand of many of the problems involved in the European crisis, as well as to exchange views with important Cabinet Ministers. On the eve of his departure, Mr. Snyder has expressed himself as well satisfied with the fruits of his journey, which may be a happy augury for the discussions in Washington on the need for action prior to the development of the Marshall Plan. Last month, Mr. Dalton hinted that he might propose revision of its Charter at the meeting of governors of the World Fund but there is no indication that Mr. Snyder responded easily to such an initiative. It could be argued that a World Fund which lies inactive at a time of crisis like this is out of touch with realities and a piece of fair-weather machinery which cannot stand up to the test of practical needs. On the other hand, Mr. Snyder could have replied that whatever the machinery it was America who, in fact, would have to foot the bill for any aid granted, and that if aid was granted it had best be ad hoc, leaving the Fund to operate according to the original intentions in more stable times. If that is the American attitude it is not for others to cavil. There has been too much irresponsible talk in Britain as though America were trying to drive a hard bargain. America has her own troubles, including high taxation, and her taxpayers have every title to assure themselves that help sent at their expense is not merely throwing good money after bad. Her interest in a stable and prosperous outside world is considerable; it is, indeed, the only reason other than that of sentiment, why she should concern herself with British and European troubles. She naturally wants to satisfy herself that she is not merely handing out huge doles but that temporary relief will be used by the beneficiaries to set themselves permanently on their feet.

## WOMEN AND JURY SERVICE

The disclosure that no women have yet submitted their names to the Registrar for jury service has its explanation, no doubt, in lack of publicity as to the procedure to be followed, and as to the operative date of the amending Ordinance. In point of fact, the extension to women of liability to jury service became effective immediately on the gazetting of the Ordinance following its passage into law. There is, moreover, no obligation on the authorities to warn individuals of their liability to serve; it is the duty of those who come within the terms of qualification to notify the Registrar, giving their names and addresses; and a penalty is provided for failure to do so. It is not to be supposed that drastic steps are contemplated to cause women to conform to the requirements, in these very initial stages of a new departure. More likely is the publication of an official notification inviting the submission of names and reminding women of their obligations under the Ordinance. Past experience has suggested the need for similar notices to the menfolk approximately once a year: the women can hardly expect less, or more.

## MONTY VISIT TO THE RUHR

Herford, Sept. 18. Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived at Dusseldorf by air today to visit Rhine Army troops training in the Ruhr area. Lord Montgomery, who was met at the airfield by Major-General W. H. Stratton, Rhine Army Chief of Staff, is due to fly back to England on Saturday. —Reuters.

## Pacific Letter

Australian Nationalisation Controversy  
By Arthur Morley

Probably the most bitter social controversy in her history raged throughout the length and breadth of Australia this week.

The Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, had called Canberra correspondents into his austere Parliament House office and read to them a forty-word statement. He declined to add one word in reply to a shower of requests for details and explanations.

Mr. Chifley had announced nothing less than that the Government proposed taking over all the private banks in the Dominion. Banking henceforth would be a Government monopoly—a decision so evenhandedly Socialist that even the British Labour Government had stopped short of it.

The outcry, as Mr. Chifley doubtless expected, was instantaneous and loud.

Newspapers, almost without exception, charged the Government with flagrant disregard for Democratic procedure and challenged Mr. Chifley to submit the matter to the people at a referendum. The Sydney Daily Telegraph devoted its entire front-page to a bitter editorial, declaring that Mr. Chifley's action was comparable to those of Adolf Hitler.

The Sydney Morning Herald spoke of the Government's lust for power.

A hurried conference of Australia's leading bankers was summoned in Melbourne. It issued appeals to citizens to keep calm and refrain from beginning a run on the banks. Then it announced it had retained leading counsel for the

inevitable Court action to test the legality of the Government's proposed action.

The case would be taken, if necessary, to the Privy Council in London.

To this, Mr. Chifley did not reply.

He and the Attorney General (and Foreign Minister)—Dr. H. V. Evatt began drafting the Bank Nationalisation legislation that will be introduced, to the accompaniment of Opposition outcry, at the next session of Federal Parliament.

Labour politicians forecast that it will pass by a solid majority and pointed out, further, that nationalisation of banks had long been a plank of Labour's platform, endorsed by a majority of voters at successive elections.

Impartial surveys of public opinion show that reaction closely followed economic class lines. Lower-wage workers supported the Chifley policy by about two to one. Salaried men and owners of businesses were against it, almost unanimously.

The outcome is by no means certain. The High Court of Australia has already declared unconstitutional Mr. Chifley's order to municipal and state governments to withdraw their accounts from private trading banks and place them with the Government-run Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

TRANS-PACIFIC FRIENDS: On the Pacific diplomatic front, chief development was public admission by Australian Foreign Minister Evatt that Australia and America "had

reached close agreement on the Japanese Peace Settlement."

It is now clear that America and the British Commonwealth will speak with few differences when the Pacific Allies meet to dictate terms to Japan early next year.

AND FORMER FRIENDS: In war-torn Java, European observers began to learn something of the unhappy side of inter-racial marriages.

A white Australian girl was seen in the streets of Java wearing a cheap cotton sarong, with a peasant handkerchief in her hair and sandals on her feet. Cut off from the European community, she had yet to find a place with the Indonesians.

She explained she had married an Indonesian member of the Netherlands Air Force on wartime duty in Australia. When she returned with him to Java, she found he had another wife—an Indonesian—whom he intended to keep. She sold all her possessions to feed herself; was now working as a cook for a Chinese family.

"There are dozens of Australian girls like this in Batavia," said British businessman Douglas Parrish, who has just returned from Java.

OUT-FOXING FOXES: In England, foxes are hunted. In Australia, they are merely killed, as quickly as possible, with guns, dogs, traps and poisons.

This week, South Australian sheep farmers were beating a track to the Adelaide store of Desmond Hosking who had just invented the best "fox scarer" yet. It is an electric mechanism which fires an explosive charge at intervals of half an hour. The noise frightens away every fox within a two-mile radius.

Dozens of farmers are installing them, claiming that the saving in sheep is far greater than the cost of the noise-maker.

NO HOMES: Sydney furniture removalists this week provided a new angle on the Dominion's chronic housing shortage. Twelve thousand Sydney families have had their furniture in storage for a year or more, waiting for homes.

About 50,000 families were waiting for homes, they estimated, just in Sydney suburbs alone.

BUSY SMUGGLERS: Black-market dealers in China and Japan have been reaping a rich post-war harvest. Silk, fishing lines and cultured pearls command fabulous prices in the Pacific and there are plenty of seamen to undertake delivery.

This week, Sydney Customs agents found 10,000 strings of pearls in one ship, the River Clarence from Tokyo. They were hanging inside the hollow steel mast, from which a plate had been removed and carefully replaced.

The Customs officer who made the find could not explain why he looked there.

"I looked at that mast and just had a hunch," he said.

NEW DEMOCRACY: Blue jackets replace red in all Japanese prisons henceforth. The reason, given by the Japanese Prison Administration, "another effort to respect the fundamental rights of man." Hirohito, blue jackets were permitted only to good-behavior prisoners.

## Tourist Ban In Europe

London, Sept. 18. European countries whose tourist trade has been hit by the Government's ban on sterling expenditure for foreign travel may shortly propose "balancing arrangements" with Britain whereby Britain might see her way to lift the ban, according to informed London quarters today.

The difficulty at present is that most of the countries involved—including France, Belgium, Holland and Czechoslovakia—have placed strict control, amounting almost to an embargo, on expenditure by their own nationals on travel abroad.

The notable exception is Switzerland, whose citizens can travel freely.

No approaches have yet been received in British official quarters from any of the countries affected. —Reuters.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"When I suggested we try to steal their maid, I meant for me, not you!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authority"

## PLAYING TRICKS DECIDE

There is a school of good players who base their suit take-outs on number of playing tricks rather than on honour strength. Holding even as much as three and a half of these in a suit ranking lower than their partner's opener, they will venture it instead of bidding 1-No Trump or passing. To do this safely, the pair must be prepared to treat the next round gingerly, for such a response may have been made on a mere six-card suit headed by a king, with nothing on the side.

S 8 6 3  
H K J 9 7 8  
D K Q 2  
C 10 9

SA 107  
H 8 4  
D 10 9 7 5  
CA 8 6 3

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H Q 10  
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C K J 7 4 2

SK Q 9 5 2  
H A 6 5 2  
D A 8  
C Q 6

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

	South	West	North	East
1. IS	Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2H	Pass	3H	Pass	Pass
4H	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
2. IS	Pass	2H	Pass	Pass
3H	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

North passed his partner's 1-Spade at several tables of the duplicate in which this hand was dealt, and 3-Spades were made for a satisfactory score. At more tables, however, North's response was 1-No Trump, as in the first sequence above. South throughton bid his hearts at the level of two,

and North felt constrained to give a raise. After that, South in every case went to game and was set a trick because two tricks were lost in each of the black suits.

It was surprising to find that only one pair got into hearts and stopped at the safe range of three. That was where North stretched a point to bid 2-Hearts on his first turn. That is, it would have been stretching if done by some other pair in the game, but a response of two in a suit with slightly under four playing tricks, especially when holding a partial fit for the first suit.

After such a bid South, not knowing whether North's suit was maximum for such a bid or minimum, had to take it easy and not jump to 4-Hearts. His gentle single raise to 3-Hearts told North to pass if he had a minimum, which he did. That gave the pair a tie for top when the contract was made.

## Tomorrow's Problem

S J  
H 8 5  
D J Q J 10 6  
C K Q 9 4 3

SAK 76  
H J 3  
D 9 7 4 3 2  
C 10 2

N F  
W S  
S 10 9 8 5  
H 4 3 2  
D 8  
C A 8 6

S Q  
H A K Q 10 7 6 4  
D A 5  
C J 7 5

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

What play is absolutely essential to eliminate guesswork from the defence against South's 6-Hearts on this deal?

## Belfast Revives An Old Rumour

Belfast, Sept. 18.

Political circles heard a rumour today that Britain's Labour Government would sell out Northern Ireland to Eire in return for Eire's rich agricultural sources.

The rumour was based on the visit to London tomorrow of Eire's Prime Minister, Eamon de Valera, who will confer with Prime Minister Attlee and other high Government officials on a trade pact.

Although official announcements in London and Dublin emphasized that talks would concern only food and trade, Belfast circles said Mr. Attlee might offer to wipe out the border separating Eire and Ulster—especially since the Ulster Government is Conservative.

Belfast politicians pointed out, "Every time Dev goes to London he gets something."

Mr. de Valera has not visited London since 1939, when he outsmarted Neville Chamberlain, then Prime Minister. The Irish leader agreed to ship coal and cattle to Britain and in return Britain agreed to withdraw troops from certain ports in Eire. The agreement enabled Mr. de Valera to declare Eire's neutrality at the outbreak of the war.

Fears of an Ulster sell-out recently caused prominent backbenchers in the North Ireland Government to demand Dominion status for their six counties.—United Press.

## Government Party Ahead In Ceylon

Colombo, Sept. 18.

Eighteen members of the last Ceylon State Council, including three former Ministers, have so far been defeated at the polls in Ceylon's first general election, under the new constitution.

Twenty-one members remain to be elected before Sept. 20—the final polling day in Ceylon's "staggered" elections—and 92 delegates have so far lost their deposits of 1,000 rupees.

The party positions were:  
The United National (Government) Party — 88  
Lanka Sama Samaja (Trotskyite) Party — 9  
The Bolshevik-Leninist Party — 4  
The Communist Party — 2  
Tamil Congress — 5  
Ceylon Indian Congress — 5  
Independents — 12  
Independent Socialists — 3  
—Reuters.



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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 12.00 noon. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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## "EXTREMELY SEVERE" NOTE TO TEHERAN ON OIL ISSUE Soviet Demand For Swift Action

Teheran, Sept. 18.  
Soviet Russia, in a second note couched in "extremely severe" terms, has demanded swift action by the Persian Parliament — without delaying tactics — on Soviet plans for a share in Persian oil.

The note, presented by the Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Sadchikov, on Sept. 15, was in reply to a Persian note refusing the Soviet demand that Persia should sign a new oil agreement without the consent of Parliament.

Russia is demanding that Persia ratify the agreement signed in April, 1946, under which a joint Russo-Persian company was to be set up to exploit oil in northern Persia. This agreement was signed by the Persian Premier, Ghavam es Sultaneh.

The Persian note stated that it was impossible to agree to the Soviet demand that Persia should sign a new oil agreement without the consent of Parliament.

The political position in Teheran at the moment is that the Persian Parliament appears to be in no hurry to pass a vote of confidence in Ghavam es Sultaneh's new government. Without this vote, the Premier is constitutionally unable to present the bill ratifying the 1946 agreement to Parliament.

Sadchikov returned to Teheran on Aug. 11 after a month's leave in Moscow. On Aug. 28 he handed the Persian Premier a note in which Russia accused Persia of violating the 1946 agreement, according to which legislation setting up the proposed Russo-Persian oil company was to be submitted to the Persian Parliament within seven months of March 24, 1946.

## U.S. Support

In this atmosphere of apparent Persian irresolution, Mr. George Allen, United States Ambassador in Teheran, last week issued a statement assur-

## BRITAIN HIT IN POLIO OUTBREAK

London, Sept. 19.  
An outbreak of infantile paralysis of record proportions in some localities was indicated in European statistics, on hand here today.

Britain, Germany, Austria, Belgium and Sweden seemed hardest hit. France, Italy, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands and Denmark also reported cases of the disease.

Associated Press.

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## BURMA INDEPENDENCE. NEXT YEAR: SEVERING ALL TIES

London, Sept. 18.  
Burma will assume her full sovereign independence outside the British Commonwealth of Nations in January. This was made finally clear by Lord Listowel, Secretary of State for Burma, at a press conference in London today.

Lord Listowel, who has just returned to England from a good will visit to Burma, also announced that upon Burma's assumption of independence, Britain would appoint an Ambassador, and would withdraw all British troops as soon as possible after the transfer of power.

The two countries looked forward to the closest possible future relations, he said.

To speed the transfer of power, Britain is introducing a bill into Parliament at the outset of the new session in the latter part of October.

Lord Listowel gave the assurance that this bill will be hastened through both houses of Parliament to become law before the end of the year.

Close Friend

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## ALLEGED PLOT TO MURDER DR. BENES

Prague, Sept. 18.

Arrests in the alleged Slovak plot to assassinate the Czechoslovakian President, Dr. Edouard Benes, and overthrow the Czech Government, have now reached 142 civilians and an undisclosed number of soldiers, a communique issued by the Slovak Trustees Office for the Interior disclosed today.

The plot, discovered in Slovakia a few days ago, was "greater than first thought," the communique said.

Highly-organized illegal groups, previously described as including former members of General Vlasov's "Russian Liberation Army" in Germany and many Slovak civil servants, were divided into military and political sections.

The military section, the communique said, had the job of setting up and arming "storm units," creating cells in the army, and cooperating with "bandit gangs" to carry out the revolt.

The political section spread propaganda, and was alleged to have got in touch with Slovak Fascists abroad.—Reuter.

## His Fiancee Disappeared This Time

London, Sept. 18.

Oren Grove appealed to the police today to find his fiancée, after his third trip across the Atlantic to seal a wartime romance with marriage.

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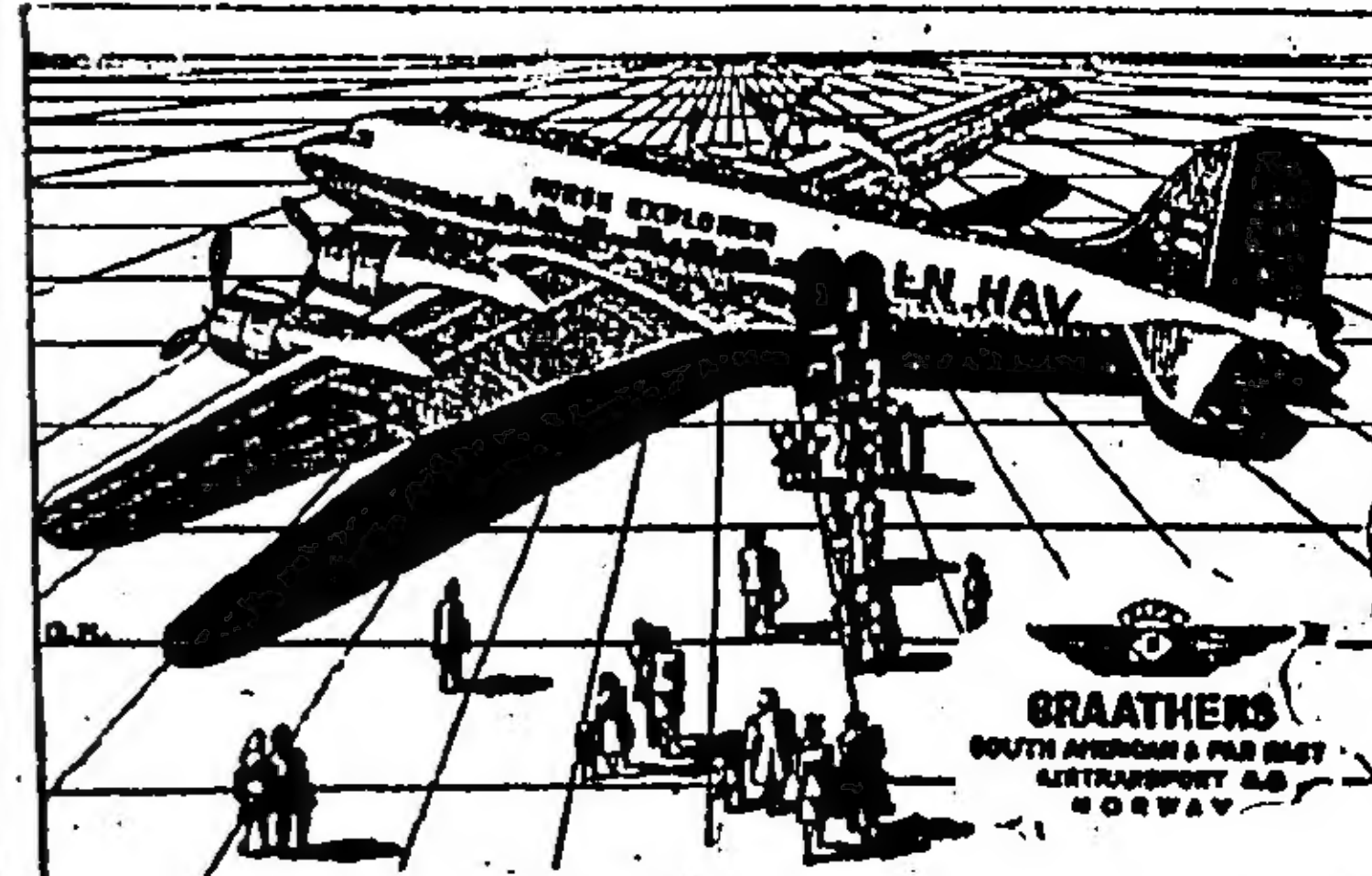
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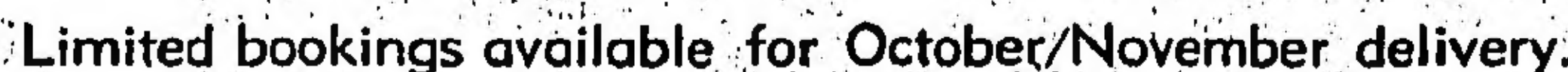
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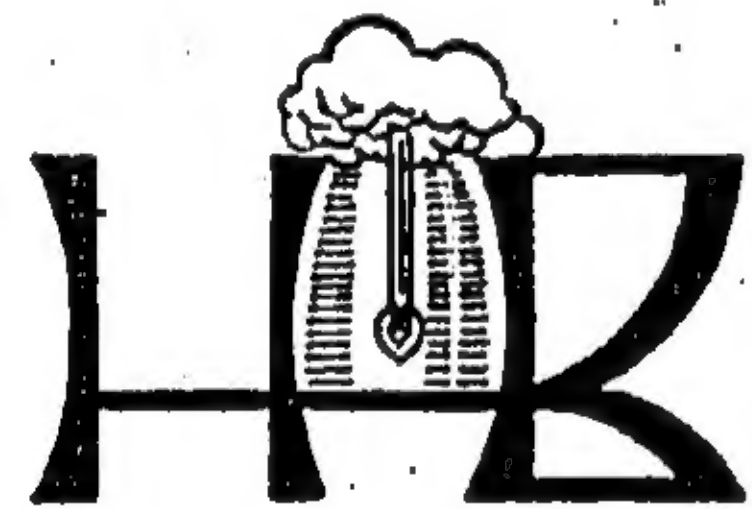
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**Motoring News And Views: Continued from Page Eight****THIS EXPORT BUSINESS****By Laurence Pomeroy**

In the first part of this article, published in the "China Mail" on September 6th, I showed that the total volume of cars shipped between one country and another in a typical pre-war year amounted to approximately 35,000 vehicles, worth £34,000,000.

I suggest that we might reasonably revalue this number of vehicles in the light of post-war prices at £40,000,000, and that there is little chance of shifting the present grip of the USA producers on about half of this trade.

We are, therefore, left with a potential market amounting to something less than 200,000 cars valued at, say, £40,000,000 to be shared between the makers of European small cars—that is to say, England, France, and Italy, at the moment, with Germany emerging as a producer within the next five years. It is fairly obvious that Britain would do well to secure half of this residual business, and thus over a period of years we can not reasonably expect to export over 100,000 vehicles per annum at a value of £20,000,000.

These figures would, incidentally, represent an increase of some 30 per cent in numbers compared to our best pre-war figure. It must, however, be admitted that the value of this business is not adequate to our present grave needs, and every effort must be turned towards opportunities of expanding both volume and value. The chance of doing so at the expense of other producers, either in the USA or in Europe, can be dismissed.

The prospects of building up entirely new markets, of building a true expansion of trade are not so remote. This development could take two forms—the sale of true utility cars at very low cost, and of highly-specialised performance models.

European designers are giving a great deal of thought to the former type of vehicle, the best known being the German people's car or R.d.F. A road test indicates that this car has an acceptable performance combined with reasonable body space.

Production experts are in no doubt that it is an essentially cheap and simple car to make. More important, it is a car exceedingly well suited to the rough and tumble for motoring in undeveloped countries. The chassis is robust and the engine detuned in point of output to a degree which should ensure excellent reliability. The air cooling makes it equally suitable for use in arctic or tropic regions, and although the rear engine location may impair high speed handling, concentration of weight on the rear undoubtedly improves traction and makes the car a true "go anywhere" proposition. When fitted with a limited slip differential, there are some who claim that the R.d.F. can go where even the four-wheel-drive Jeep is unable to follow.

In France, the Dyna-Panhard represents another school of thought, offering a somewhat more "civilised" vehicle, giving outstanding economy all round. This car also with its flat twin, air-cooled engine should be both robust and easy to maintain. There are no doubt potential sales for cars of this kind which are additional to, and not in competition with, existing markets. The extent of such sales are hard to determine, but we can make a rough estimate.

**Small Car Prospects**

In 1946, South Africa absorbed approximately 18,000 cars from Great Britain and the United States. In 1937-38, approximately 1,500 D.K.W.s were sold in the Union, and doubtless could be again if they were available. It would, therefore, not be unfair to estimate that an even cheaper and simpler car than the D.K.W. could reach a sales figure of 3,000 vehicles, provided it was man enough for the job.

We might, in fact, reasonably expect the sale of such a car to increase the number of cars exported between 15 and 20 per cent, i.e., to raise British sales from 100,000 vehicles a year to, say, 120,000 a year. This may, however, be an underestimate, particularly as fortunes of war have left countries such as Egypt and India with very large sterling balances which could be used for the purchase of such vehicles. This might justify us

in increasing the number of such vehicles to perhaps 35,000 a year.

Although such a percentage increase looks very tempting, when one comes to analyse it from the view-point of value the proposition is less attractive.

Obviously, a car of this kind would have to sell at not more than two-thirds the price of the average vehicle. Board of Trade figures show that in 1946 this was £250 per car, and I have assumed that this will fall gradually to £200 per car. On this basis, hypothetical utility models would realize £135 per car, and this increased trade would, therefore, be worth £2,700,000, based on an estimate of 20,000 sales, and up to £4,700,000 if we permit ourselves a more rosy view.

The possibilities of selling specialized types of cars can be subdivided into two principal classes. There is the small car making, perhaps, no pretence to high performance, but offering elegant and distinguished coachwork, and the high-performance car which can stake a claim on the score of superior road holding, length of life, and maximum speed.

The former model should always command a sale even if the selling price is twice that of the mass-production machine. As, however, it will sell entirely by virtue of being "cute," it is obvious that the stylist will have a large say in success. Technically, it does not pose any difficult problems. By contrast, the high-performance car must be built to the highest standards of engineering.

A car of this kind must be capable of comparison with a United States model on the score of performance. The Cadillac develops 130 h.p. on the bench with standard accessories, which gives it a road speed of approximately 90 m.p.h., with an acceleration governed by an automatic gearbox, and 80 b.h.p. per long ton. This car can be bought in the United States for \$3,400 dollars, which we will approximate as £1,100. We may postulate that any specialized British car will cost more than this. What can we offer in exchange?

There should be no difficulty in tackling the U.S.A. car in the matter of road speed. By proper selection of aerodynamic form an engine giving 120 b.h.p. should be readily capable of achieving a timed 100 m.p.h., and with comparable speedometers this means that the British car can cheer its owners with 120 speed units when the U.S.A. product is showing 108 speed units.

Similarly, in acceleration through gears, 60 h.p. per ton represents no insuperable problem. We have it within our power to provide 120 h.p. from 3 litres of engine, and with an unladen weight of, say, 28 cwt, we have 85 h.p. per ton. Inferior top-gear performance will be offset in many parts of the world as road conditions improve, and by the use of automatic transmissions.

**Numbers and Value**

In the matter of interior appointments, fine finish, and general air of distinction, the best products from this country need fear no comparison, but we must beware of making concessions to the aura of austerity which in the home market seems all-prevailing.

Enough has been said to indicate that the production of an attractive specialized car is technically well within the grasp of the British industry. Current market prices indicate that a car of this kind would retail for approximately £1,400. Allowing, therefore, for the normal substantial discounts to the export trade, each car leaving these shores should represent approximately £1,000. In sum, every small car with special bodywork leaving these shores is worth two normal cars and three utility types; every high-performance car sold is worth five normal cars and, roughly, seven utility types.

We know that we can make both categories with great success in the home market; we are, in fact, already doing so. The question at stake for the future, however, is can these cars be exported, in what quantities, and to what countries?

Here we are forced to recognize that Europe is impoverished for the next decade, and the rest of the world is remarkably reluctant to buy high-priced cars. It has, for instance, been sug-

gested that, in view of America's present position as the world's greatest creditor nation, her vast internal wealth, and the huge number of cars sold per annum, there might well be a large and permanent market for imported British cars.

**Exchanging Goods**

From the point of view of international economics, there is everything to be said for such an arrangement. We are the world's biggest buyer of U.S.A. products, and if we are to continue as America must—repeat must—buy goods from us, whether these goods can take the form of automobiles in large quantities is doubtful on account of the very small market in the U.S.A. for any specialized type or high-priced vehicle. So far as deviations from normal type is concerned, the American picture in 1939 was as follows:—

Body Type	No.	Percentage
Open four-seater	209	.01
Open four-seater	458	.02
Convertible coupe	51,080	1.78
Convertible cabriolet	7,167	.25
Fixed-head coupe	462,818	16.14
Fixed-head sedan	1,065,399	37.26
Four-door sedan	1,549,929	53.58
All other closed cars	4,100	.14
Chassis	25,112	.88
Total	2,266,720	100%

It will be noted that fixed-head coupes and sedans of various styles account for over 90 per cent of the sales.

One might suppose that, in view of the very high salaries paid in the U.S.A. and the low rate of taxation, that high-priced models would sell well, but it is an astonishing fact that the number of high-priced cars in the U.S.A. is not only less in proportion to the total sales than it is in the United Kingdom, but the absolute number of such cars sold is lower! Statistics on sale of cars by price groups in England are not available, but it is safe to assume that, in pre-war years, all cars over 14 h.p. sold for over £250. On this assumption, the numbers sold at over £250 from 1935-38 were:—

	United Kingdom	U.S.A.
1935	67,000	42,500
1936	74,000	54,000
1937	82,000	40,000
1938	84,500	45,500

In 1940 only 121 U.S.A. cars out of a total of 3,692,000 cost over \$800.

**A Limited Market**

There are complex technical and sociological roots to account for this reluctance of the wealthiest country in the world to support an extensive sale of high-priced cars, but the implications for the English exporter are plain. He must not consider obtaining 1 per cent on a market of 3,000,000 cars, but aim at securing 10 per cent in a market of, say, 50,000 cars.

Alternatively, by high pressure propaganda the Americans must be sold the notion that it is really worth while to pay more for a specialized type of vehicle, for it is not lack of purchasing power, but lack of sales appeal, that keeps the production of high-priced vehicles on such a meagre level.

This is mainly caused by the excellent performance and appointments of the low-priced models, and we must, therefore, if we are to secure this market, seek with all means in our power to build "the car that is different."

It is, however, obvious that a great effort will be required over a period of time before any considerable results are achieved. Meanwhile, we might export 5,000 high-priced cars a year to the States and 2,500 to the rest of the world.

In sum, we should be able to reckon on a basic export market for 100,000 motorcars with £20,000,000 a year. We could add to this by between 2.7 million and 4.7 million by the sale of low-priced utility cars, and, taking an average of \$800 per car, add another £5,500,000 by the sale of high-priced cars of specialized models. These figures give £30,000,000 per annum as the ceiling for automobile exports.

The formation of a new Company at Glostrup, near Copenhagen, has been announced, by Vilis, Neumann, A/S, holders of all Nuffield franchises in Denmark. This will be known as Dansk Overoliek. Motor Industri A/S, and will be solely responsible for the importing and distributing of cars, commercial vehicles and marine and industrial engines for the Scandinavian area.

The N.E.M.A. and R.A.C.A. describe the "New South" Wales Main Roads Department plan for the construction of Australia's first ultra-modern motorway as "most startling."

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**A Matter  
Of Spelling**

Is it "tire" or "tyre"?

H. A. Fowler, author of "Modern English Usage" and co-worker on the "Pocket Oxford Dictionary," makes the following comment:—  
"The Oxford English Dictionary regards the word as a shortening of 'attire'—the wheel's attire, clothing or accoutrements; and it states the spelling facts thus:—

"From 15th to 17th century spelt 'tire' and 'tyre' indifferently. Before 1700 'tyre' became generally obsolete, and 'tire' remained as the regular form; as it still does in America; but in Great Britain 'tyre' has been recently revived as the popular term for the rubber rim of..."

"From this it appears that there is nothing to be said for 'tyre,' which is etymologically divergent from our own older and the present American usage."

So be it then, so far as the Motor Page of the "China Mail" is concerned; TIRE it is, from now on. Proof-readers, please note!

Britain will be able to export seven thousand cars to Belgium this year under the Belgian import quota system. A quota of seven thousand has also been set for United States cars, with five thousand for France and two thousand from the Czech Skoda Works.

According to the latest estimates of the Australian Department of Transport, 116,000 new cars will be needed in Australia before the end of this year in order to supply those who must have transport for business or professional reasons.

**Diary Of A Hong  
Kong Motorist**

It is easy to see from the number of "L" signs on cars nowadays that more and more people are learning to drive. On any trip to Kowloon-long,

which is a favourite spot for learner drivers, one encounters dozens of drivers in the making. Quite often there are some learning on left-hand drive cars, surely adding to their difficulties.

I turned a corner the other day to find a left hand drive Jeep, driven by a learner, coming straight for me on the wrong side of the road. Over-taking also presents a problem for the left-hand drive car, even for experienced drivers, as on these narrow roads it is not always easy to pull out far enough to see if all is clear before overtaking.

I was walking along Nathan Road near the Alhambra Theatre recently. Suddenly there appeared a Hudson car, weaving in and out of traffic, doing very much more than 20 m.p.h. It then overtook a Police station wagon that was cruising along, and I fully expected the police car to give chase. But nothing happened. The Hudson finally disappeared from the view near Jordan Road, after overtaking seven or eight more vehicles.

This is a very dangerous 20 m.p.h. area, and has been the scene of many accidents. If I had been in that police car, I would have given the driver of a ticket both for dangerous driving and for exceeding the speed limit. Perhaps that police car was not manned by traffic police, and so could not be bothered to do anything.

I can remember the days before the war, when a certain extremely eager traffic inspector used to park his car at the side road near the Blue Taxi-cabs, and vice to anyone who came out of the controlled area at anything much over 20. In those days, the 20 m.p.h. limit ended quite near the Blue Taxi-cabs premises.

Having been warned of the very likely possibility of being presented with a ticket by this traffic inspector, I used to watch my speedometer very closely. Driving a large car, it is very easy to exceed 20 without noticing it.



Most of us who drove cars here before the war will agree that it is high time

something be done. The inexperienced, the careless and the reckless driver's take much of the joy from driving, and in the end we must all suffer under a load of new regulations designed to curb the comparatively few reckless ones.

Whilst on this subject of 20 m.p.h. limits, it seems to me that these signs could be made larger and placed in more prominent positions. I have more than once driven through these controlled areas without knowing it was controlled until I saw the sign showing the end of the controlled area.

The beginning of such a limit should be very clearly marked, possibly with a warning, 30 or 50 yards before, reading "20 m.p.h. speed limit ahead." It is a fact that many drivers do not seem to know which are one way streets. The excuse in traffic court always seems to be "I didn't notice the sign." Perhaps not always, but quite often this is a genuine excuse.

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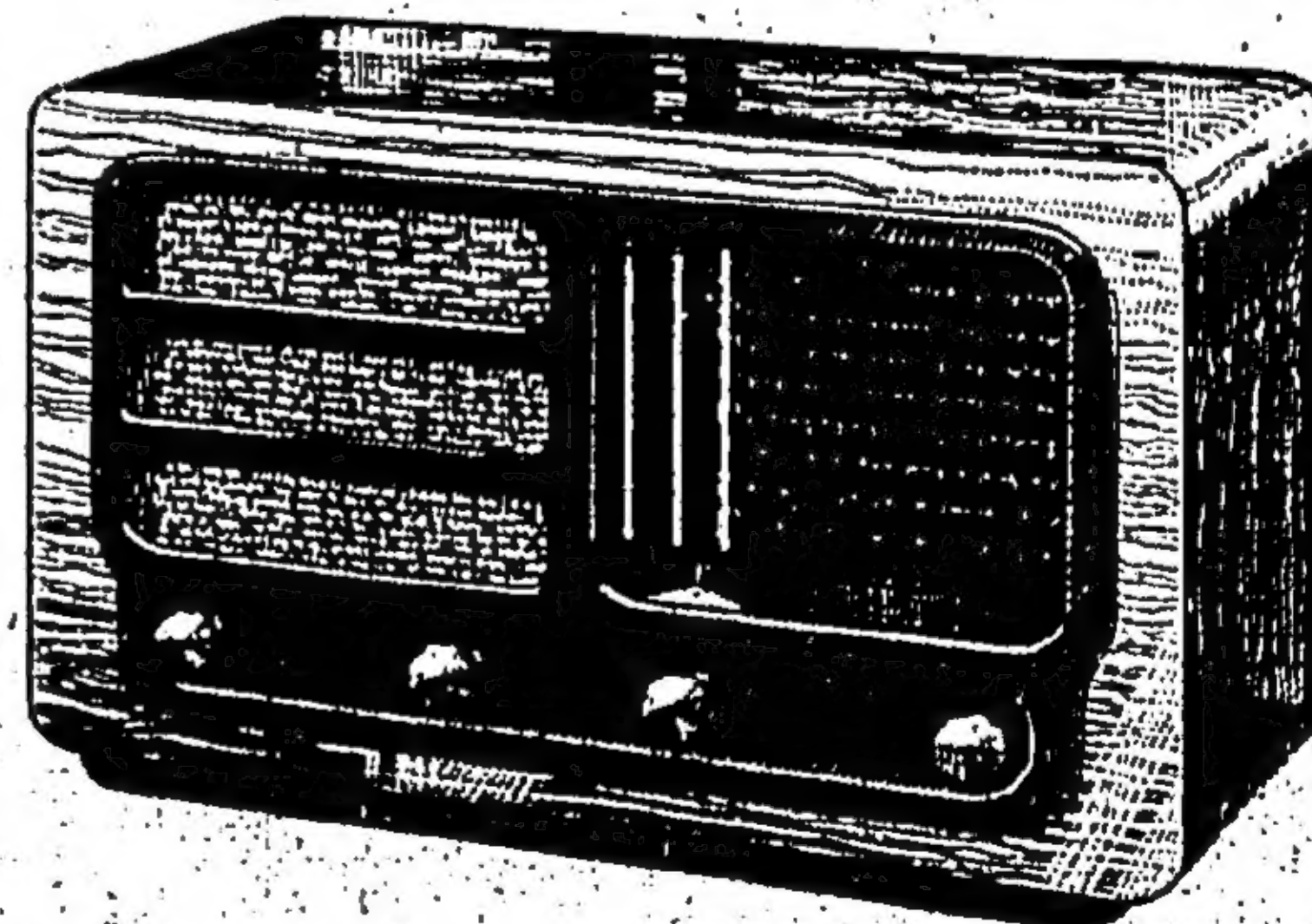
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# **NO STRAITJACKET OF UNITED KINGDOM TRADE U.S. Loan Agreement Cleared Up**

London, Sept. 18. The non-discrimination clause 9 of the American loan agreement, which prevents Britain from deliberately seeking Empire purchases at the expense of United States suppliers, was never intended to be a "straitjacket of British trade," Mr. John Snyder, Secretary of the United States Treasury, said in a statement tonight. Interpretation of the clause was still under discussion by the American and British authorities, his statement said.

# **H.K. Stock Exchange**

Fears that employers and employees in the new labour troubles may force the issue to a strike have considerably dampened the market's activities. Since the beginning of the week there has been an increasing contraction of trading, with quotations sagging owing to the lack of support and not by nervous trading.

Watsons and Dairy Farms have withdrawn the uncertainty of the market, both having registered a good advance during the week. It is possible, from signs, that a break in prices of the popular stocks would meet early resistance.

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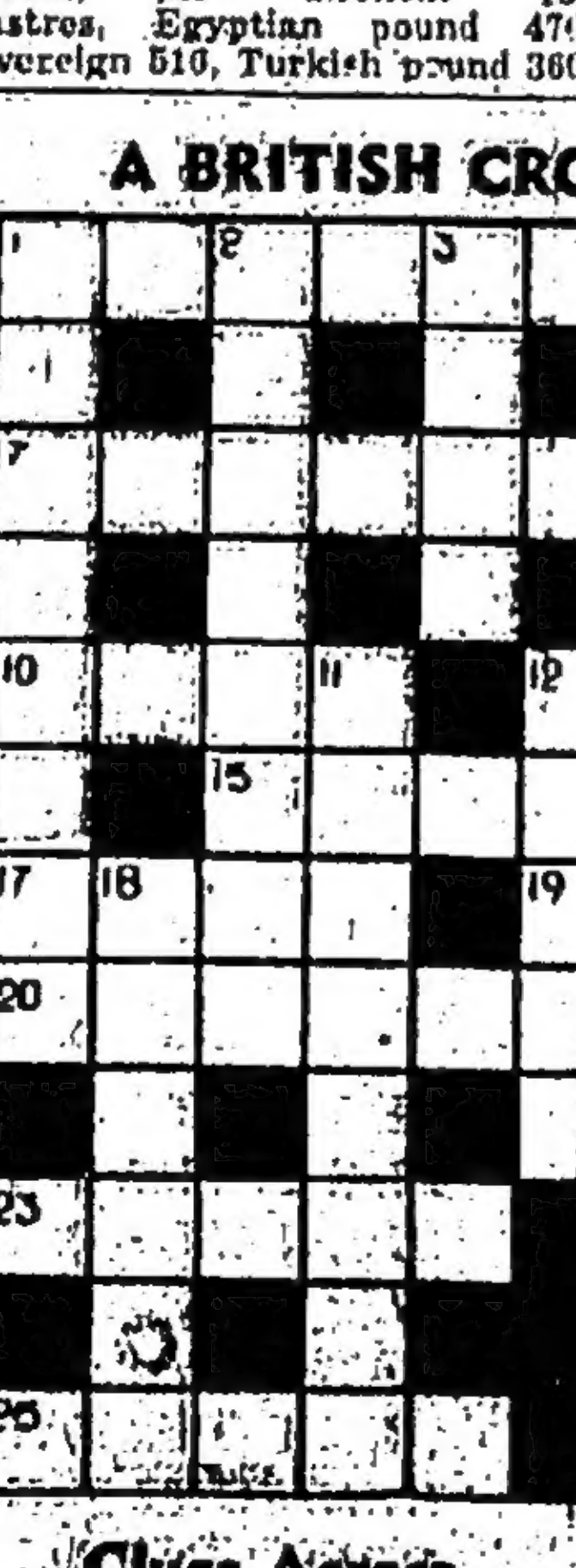
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London, Sept. 18. Silver, Spot, Fine, ounce 42 1/2. Forward Fine, ounce 42 1/2. Bar, Gold, per fine, ounce 172 1/2; U.S. Gold, per fine, ounce 172 1/2; (New York Free Market) 172 1/2.

**ALEXANDRIA BULLION**  
Alexandria, Sept. 18. Gold, per "dirhem" 163. Egyptian pound 470. Sovereign 510, Turkish pound 360.

**A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE**



**Clues Across**  
1. Dashed.  
4. Feature.  
7. Fruit.  
8. Fit.  
10. Fixed.  
12. Brave.  
15. Splintered.

**Clues Down**  
11. Muse.  
12. Imperish-  
13. Able.  
14. Cupid.  
15. Rejuvenation.  
16. Mad.  
17. Light craft.

**Yesterday's Crossword**  
Across—3. Miracles; 8. Method; 9. Dominion; 11. Retained; 12. Feet; 13. Tutor; 18. Miner; 19. Root; 23. Released; 24. Shuffled; 25. Sealed; 26. Needless.

It added that in his statement to the press on Sept. 15, Mr. Snyder "pointed out that when any two Governments work out an agreement, it must be kept flexible. This was the spirit of the original loan negotiations, and it is the purpose and intention of the officials of the two Governments who are at present dealing with this problem."

"The framers of the Anglo-American financial agreement specifically recognized the existence of unusual aspects of the United Kingdom position requiring certain deviations from any flexible rule of non-discrimination."

**Dead Letter?**  
"It is basic to an understanding of section 9 of the agreement to appreciate that there was never any intention for it to constitute a 'straitjacket on British trade,' today's statement concluded."

Article 9 states that if Britain cuts her imports from the United States, she must make proportionate cuts in similar imports from all other sources, unless she can buy the goods from more favourable trade terms than from the United States.

But well-informed financial circles tonight pointed out that the conversions now proceeding between American and British officials in London may transform Article 9 into a "dead letter," since they probably include the possibility of Britain recovering the right to the protection of Article 14 of the International Monetary Fund.

**Self-Protection**  
Article 14 of the International Monetary Fund states that during the "post-war transitional period" (up to 1951), members of the Fund may protect themselves by means of exchange restrictions when their balance of payments is drastically out of balance.

These members can thus discriminate against American imports.

Under the terms of the Washington loan agreement, Britain valued the right to this protection afforded by Article 14.

But when the loan agreement was being negotiated, it was agreed that under exceptional circumstances, Britain should be able to recover her right after consultation with the United States authorities.

—Reuter.

Napoleon 300, Dollar (piece de cinq) 470, Silver (piastre) per Kilogram 840.—Reuter.

# **OPEN MARKET RATES IN SHANGHAI**

Shanghai, Sept. 19. T. T. On New York, per US\$ Buyers 42,000. Sellers 13,000 T. T. On London, per £1 123,500, 120,500. Forward rates which are limited to three months differ per month by not more than five per cent.

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## First Post-War School Soccer This Afternoon

Efforts to revive school football by the Education Department and Hong Kong Football Association have met with some degree of success in that the first post-war school competition will start this afternoon on the Club ground.

### Sing Tao's Last Games

Chinese footballers of the Sing Tao Sports Club of Hong Kong, who finish their English tour with a match against Barnet on Saturday, are scheduled to play two games in Holland before they leave for home on Oct. 2.

The Chinese will play the Blaauwge Club of Amsterdam on Sept. 24 and the Rotterdam Club in Rotterdam on Sept. 30.—Associated Press.

### American Baseball

New York, Sept. 19.

Baseball scores:—

National		
Brooklyn	7	4
Pittsburgh	8	10
Winning pitcher Kirby Hilde		
New York	9	14
Chicago	5	10
Winning pitcher Jones		
Cincinnati	9	15
Philadelphia	4	12
Winning pitcher Eddie Brant		
American		
Chicago	1	4
New York	3	0
Winning pitcher Frank Shea		
St. Louis	6	13
Boston	10	16
Winning pitcher Bob Klinger		

The first post-war aquatic sports of the Hong Kong Police will be held this evening at the Victoria Recreation Club.

## WOMAN GAOLED FOR STEALING BOY

"How would you like your child to be treated in the same way?" asked Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday before passing sentence of 18 months' hard labour on Chan Ying, 27, married woman, convicted on the charge of stealing a four-year-old boy.

Another woman, Li Sau-hung, 34, who paid \$124 to Chan for the child, "as funeral expenses for the child's mother," was fined \$25 for taking part in the transaction of the child.

Detective Inspector Kenneth C.Y. Siu informed His Worship that the second accused was taken in by first defendant's statement that the boy's parents were dead.

Feeling sorry for Chan, who was the girl-sister of the boy's mother, Li paid \$24 more than the agreed price of \$100 for the child, said Det. Inspector Siu.

**Missing**  
The facts of the case, as outlined by the prosecuting officer, were that the boy's father, Chong Keli-yim, reported to the Kowloon City Police Station at 11 p.m. on Aug. 22 that his son had been missing since 1 p.m. that day.

On Sept. 15, at 2 p.m., the father called at the Station with the information that he saw his son, Chong Tin-hung, being carried in the arms of a woman at Ta Ku Ling Road, near Carpenter Road. He added that his wife was trailing the woman.

Detectives Ho Shing Tuen and Chu Kong were sent out with the father and, at the gateway of 60 Ta Ku Ling Road, arrested second accused who told them that she had adopted the child from Chan Ying on Aug. 23.

She produced a red-paper receipt for \$124 as payment for the funeral expenses of the child's mother. The receipt was signed by the first accused and another woman, Chan Mei-lan, 14, then took the detectives to the first defendant.

Subsequent inquiries by the two detectives and Detective Wong Ming revealed that Chan

Ten schools have entered the Stanley Shield seven-a-side competition (juvenile section) and, according to Mr. McEwan, had it not been for the fact that several schools had only reopened a week ago the entries would have been greater.

It is almost certain that a school league will be functioning this season.

Five games will be played this afternoon starting at 1.30 p.m. Games will be of 14 minutes duration and will be played under the same rules as govern the senior competition.

Some excellent games should be witnessed in the Senior section when Club "A" meet 25th R.A. "A" in the opening game. Good games are expected between Kowloon Motor Bus and R.N. Hospital and Devons "A" and Sing Tao (holders).

Today's games:—

**Schoolboys**

Pui Kiu v Ellis Kadourie (1.30 p.m.)

Tung Chi v Diocesan Boys School (1.50 p.m.)

Chui Hang v Queen's College (2.10 p.m.)

Yuk Kwan v Central British School (2.30 p.m.)

Wan Yan College (Klu) v St. Paul's (2.50 p.m.)

**Seniors**

Club "A" v R.A. "A" (3 p.m.)

Referee: J.G. Padley

St. Joseph's "B" v Talkoo (3.30 p.m.)

Referee: Y.T. Leung

St. Joseph's v Royal Navy "A" (4 p.m.)

Referee: P.H. Bullock

K.M. Bus v R.N. Hospital (4.30 p.m.)

Referee: R.M. Ouar

Eastern "A" v Signal (5 p.m.)

Referee: A.S. Farmer

Eastern "B" v Kitchener (5.30 p.m.)

Referee: J. Silva

Chinese Athletic "A" v Buffs (6 p.m.)

Referee: T. Tunstall

Devons "A" v Sing Tao (6.30 p.m.)

Referee: L.G. Young

## Extra Race Meeting Handicaps

The following are the handicaps for 8th Extra Race Meeting on Saturday, September 27, 1947.

1st Race—Point Neplan Stakes. (2½ miles, 1 mile)—Betty Lou (145), Bunge (153), Empress Gate (153), Happy Season (150), Kingfisher (150), Lola Sapola (150), Ruby Star (145), Sunny (150).

2nd Race—Gosford Handicap. (1st Section) "C" Class, Six Furlongs—Arabian Moon (139), Cassie (147), Crown Witness (150), Eastern Diamond (145), Emerald (140), Flying Arrow (150), Flying Wheel (138), Miami Beauty (148), Midnight Express (137), Peacock (150), Percy (144), Tootsie (144).

3rd Race—Vaucluse Handicap. (1st Section) "B" Class, 1 mile—Argentine Moon (138), Elmer (144), Fifth Alarm (141), Hol Polli (147), Hurricane (142), Rose Emma (147), Royal Commission (145), Spanish Onion (142), Thunderbolt (140), V.J. Day (159), Wilhelmnia (147), Wodonga (155).

4th Race—Port Phillip Stakes. (2½ miles, 1 mile)—Blackie (153), Juststone (143), Jinx (148), Mastermind (late Jeep Fat) (135), Tunny (153).

5th Race—Autumn Plate, Six Furlongs—Airborne (145), Bashful Beauty (159), Cooper (135), Daisy Bell (142), Jeep Lee (135), Kim (141), Shannon (147), Snookypots (137), Sunlight (159).

6th Race—Vaucluse Handicap. (2nd Section) "B" Class, 1 mile—Cooper (140), Happy Season (150), Jeep Fat (150), Lightning (153), Lucky Strike (158), Masterpiece (152), Red Fox (140), Shanghai Beauty (139), Speedway (148), Sunshine (140), The Wolf (157), Whirlaway (150).

7th Race—Gosford Handicap. (2nd Section) "C" Class, Six Furlongs—Al Fresco (140), Argus (141), Blue Peter (145), Burgomaster (149), Cuney (142), Fat Choy (150), Golden Wheel (142), Honeybell (147), Kookaburra (145), Souvenir (153).

## De Valera In London

London, Sept. 19.

London's Irish population turned out in force today to greet the Eire Prime Minister, Mr. Eamon de Valera, on his first visit to the British capital since 1938.

Lusty cheers flavoured with Irish inflections were heard outside No. 10 Downing Street when de Valera and his party drew up in two closed cars for luncheon with Britain's top Cabinet members.

Whitcomb sources insisted the talks were concerned solely with trade matters despite rumours in Belfast that "Dev" might try to achieve his dream of annexing North Ireland in exchange for a liberal food pact with Britain. De Valera will return to Dublin tonight.

—United Press.

### NEW BOUT FOR WOODCOCK?

London, Sept. 19.

Jack Selomons, Britain's ace boxing promoter, said today that if the winner of the heavyweight tournament scheduled for Brussels on Sept. 24 to 27 is "good enough" he will get a fight in London against the British heavyweight champion, Ezzard Charles.

Eighteen of Europe's leading heavyweights are due to participate in the Brussels tournament for which there will be prize money amounting to £2,250, and although Selomons will not see any of the fighters, he will have his scouts at the ringside.

"We will give the big boys encouragement to know that the winner may get a fight with Woodcock," Selomons said. "But I will not bring anyone to this country unless I feel certain he can put up a good show against Woodcock."

—Associated Press.

### SCOTTISH GIRL SWIMMER'S BURIAL

London, Sept. 19.

The body of Nancy Black, British swimming champion who died of infantile paralysis at Monte Carlo while a competitor in the European swimming championships, arrived in London last night in a chartered plane. The body will be taken to Scotland by train for burial.

—Associated Press.

## Boxing At The Ritz



Last week's boxing at Ritz brought to light two very promising brothers—Liu Han-ming (right) and Liang Yan at the start of their fight which ended in a win for Liu by a technical K.O. The loser's nose was broken.

## Sumatra Leader Proposes N.E.I. Referendum

Bookit Tinggi (Sumatra), Sept. 19.

Republican Vice-President Mohammed Hatta challenged the Netherlands today to agree to an internationally supervised referendum so that Sumatra's 9,000,000 inhabitants could choose freely between the present Republic and "small Dutch-controlled puppet states."

President Hatta proposed the referendum in an interview after his arrival in Sumatra. He said he would lead the continued struggle for Indonesian independence from the mountains and jungles of Sumatra should the Dutch refuse to negotiate and launch a drive against Jogyakarta.

The Le-spectated 35-year-old Dutch-educated Nationalist leader suggested the true strength of the Palembang, Padang and East Coast separatist movements would be shown if the Dutch accepted the offer to hold a plebiscite.

The consuls conferred lengthily with President Hatta and then inspected the surrounding countryside.

Two British military observers made a first-hand inspection of the Indonesian frontlines 15 miles west of Padang.

(A dispatch from Medan, north Sumatra, said the consular party arrived there before noon on Friday from Bookit Tinggi, which is known by the Dutch as Fort de Kock.)

**Hatta's Views**  
Vice-President Hatta said the Republican Sumatra Government supports Premier Sjahrir's offer to renew negotiations with the Dutch "possibly on the basis of the Lingardjati agreement," provided a third power supervises the negotiations to prevent unilateral Dutch interpretations of any future agreements.

## Sports Here And There

London, Sept. 19.

Five footballers who play for English League sides have been included in Scotland's international soccer team to play Ireland in Belfast on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The Scottish team selected is: Miller, Celtic; Young, Glasgow Rangers; Shaw, Glasgow Rangers; Macaulay, Arsenal; Woodburn, Glasgow Rangers; Forbes, Sheffield United; Waddell, Glasgow Rangers; Thomson, Glasgow Rangers; Delaney, Manchester United; Steel, Derby County; and Liddell, Liverpool.—Associated Press.

Stan Hawthorne, contender for the vacant British lightweight title, has signed to fight Arthur Van Clarke, Belgian lightweight, at King's Hall, Belfast on Sept. 27.

Bunty Doran, Irish bantamweight champion, fights Joo Cornelius of Belgium on the same bill.—Associated Press.

London, Sept. 19.

Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia won the Britannia Shield cross-country race over a five-mile course at Malton, Buckinghamshire, on Thursday in 24 minutes 46 seconds.

London, Sept. 19.

Zatopek, a Czech Army officer, one of Europe's best distance runners, is fabled to win the 5,000 metres at next year's Olympic Games in London.

In Thursday's race he led from the start and finished nearly two minutes ahead of L. Thyss of Belgium, whose time was 26 minutes 33 seconds.

In the shooting contest on the tricky Blaisey ranges in Surrey, Norway won with a total of 25 points, France being second with 20 and the R.A.F. third with 15.—Associated Press.

### U.K. FOOTBALL

London, Sept. 18.

Results of football games played in England tonight were: Division II—Doncaster 3 Bradford 0.

Division III Southern: Queen's Park Rangers 4 Notts Co. 1; Swansea 3 Southend 0.—Reuter.

## Lord Nathan Pays Tribute To China

Nanking, Sept. 19.

Paying a high tribute to China's leaders, as well as her "great people who have suffered so much for so long as our trusted Allies until victory was achieved," Lord Nathan, the British Minister of Civil Aviation told Reuter in an interview today that the main purpose of his visit to China was in connection with the preparation of regular air services following the conclusion of the Sino-British bilateral air transport agreement.

Lord Nathan, who arrived in Nanking from Hong Kong by air yesterday, said that routes had to be surveyed, airports prepared and crews assembled and trained for future regular flights between China and the United Kingdom.

Lord Nathan said that it was his "Red Letter Day" today as he was scheduled to meet President Chiang Kai-shek this afternoon.

He revealed that two Dakotas in Hong Kong ready for operation as soon as arrangements here were completed.—Reuter.

## French Plan Rejected

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**PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK:** "We refuse to accept the peace proposals made by the French Government in the speech of M. Bollaert, High Commissioner in Indo-China, on September 10, 1947, because they disregard the principles of the Atlantic Charter. We ask you to intervene in the French-Vietnamese issue so as to bring about a lasting peace on a basis of justice and equality. We appeal to the Chinese people, champions of the safeguard of the interests of oppressed peoples in Asia, to support the Viet Nam people in their struggle for national independence."

Cables were also sent to the President of India, the President of Pakistan, and to the United Nations Security Council.

**"No Confidence"**  
Meanwhile, Reuter says that the Cochinchina Council, at a special session in Saigon today, introduced a new complication into the French-Indo-China dispute, when it passed a motion of the confidence in Dr. Le Van Hach.

The French President of Cochinchina, autonomous republic in Indo-China which has functioned for eighteen months with French approval.

The Cochinchina Council's resolution requested the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, M. Emile Bollaert, to arbitrate in the "deadlock."

It has caused complications because some of the parties want Cochinchina to be part of the Viet Nam Republic, and call Dr. Le Van Hach's government "a discredited puppet administration," while others want Cochinchina to keep its separate political identity.

Another Reuter message says: "The ancient political structure is crumbling to the dust of a generalised nationalism throughout the whole of Asia," declared M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner in Indo-China, in a telegram to the French Radical Socialist Party's annual Congress here today.

"It is now a question of substituting a new balance with a resolute, progressive spirit which takes into consideration the interests of France and the legitimate aspirations of the Indo-Chinese people," he added.

"I am convinced that this balance will be established, because it is the law of life."

**Exchange**  
Hanoi, Sept. 19.

The British Consul, Trevor Wilson, has obtained the permission of the French High Commissioner, Emile Bollaert, to seek an exchange of prisoners between the French and Vietnam authorities.

## WOMAN DRIVER ACQUITTED OF ACCOUNTANT'S DEATH

A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned by Mr. W. H. Latimer at the conclusion of the inquiry, held at Kowloon yesterday, into the death of 30-year-old Liu On-shing, accountant of the Fukien Provincial Bank, who died as the result of traffic accident at Jordan Road at 7 p.m. on July 9.

Inspector J. Scrim appeared for the Police, while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks and Mr. Marcus da Silva held watching briefs on behalf of the widow and Mrs. Ermina Robertson, the driver, respectively.

In evidence, Li Shui, puller of rickshaw No. 5, stated that his vehicle was parked near the Union Church signpost with two other rickshaws behind him.

He did not see the car approaching him until it was "two paces away," and making towards him "at a high speed."

**Smashed**  
He was knocked down, he said, and suffered injuries which necessitated his remaining in hospital for a few days. His rickshaw was smashed.

Another rickshaw puller, Choi Ming-shu, testified to having seen a man knocked down by a motor vehicle, and that the man was walking near the signpost.

Lieut. Bryan Phillips, R.N.R., who was with Mrs. Robertson at the time, said that about 4 p.m. on that day he left 13 Playing Field Road, driving car 1950, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, two children, an amah, and a chauffeur.

"On returning from a swim, continued witness, he dropped the party at 13 Playing Field Road and went with Mrs. Robertson for a trial run over the course which he presumed Mrs. Robertson would be taken away when she took her driving test."

**Changed Gear**  
When near Jordan Road he instructed her to make a right-hand turn. Mrs. Robertson, said witness, put out her right hand to signify her intention of turning, and changed into second gear.

She started to turn round the central button and got about half-way across when he saw an automobile coming "very fast" straight up Nathan Road from the direction of Yaumati, and trying to pass in front of the car.

Continuing, witness said that he shouted out to Mrs. Robertson to "Look out."

She swerved to the left to avoid the cyclist and applied the brakes. He felt the pressure of the brakes going on, felt a slight bump, and the car stopped.

In reply to Inspector Scrim, witness said that Mrs. Robertson did everything possible and that it was impossible for him to help her. He could not apply the hand brake as it was on the other side of Mrs. Robertson.

To Mr. Brooks, witness said that he did not know the number of the automobile nor what happened to the driver.

**Findings**  
In his findings, His Worship said: "Apart from the statutory offence of having no 'L' plates," the conduct of Mrs. Robertson does not disclose that degree of criminal negligence necessary to support a case of manslaughter.

"The Police, who made careful investigations of this case, appear to have arrived at the same conclusion as no action was taken in the Statutory 14 days as provided by the Ordinance."

Pleading guilty through Mr. Silva to the summons of driving without 'L' plates, Mrs. Robertson was fined \$50 by Mr. Latimer at the conclusion of the inquest.

## Archer Says He Didn't Shoot Buyer

Shanghai, Sept. 19.

Charles P. Archer, Hong Kong-born British subject and the first Briton to stand trial before a major criminal court since 1784, today insisted that he was driving the car when the Chinese gold black marketer was shot and that he thought that it was a blow-out instead of murder.

Archer pinned the blame squarely on the American Army corporal Thomas Malloy, now under life sentence, for complicity in the slaying although the dying black marketer, Yu Shon-shao, named Archer as the assassin.

He said Malloy wanted to buy gold bars and that they rented a taxi and picked up Yu and drove into Hunglao suburbs. Then, said Archer, he heard a shot and looked around to find Malloy had shot the gold dealer.

Archer said he was too confused to report the slaying to the police and, instead, he took his wife to a cinema the same night after dropping Malloy at an Army billet and returning the taxi. Mrs. Archer sat in the court near the widow of the dead man, nursing a young baby.

The last Briton tried in China was a winner aboard a British ship who loaded a cannon when the ship fired a shot.

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